

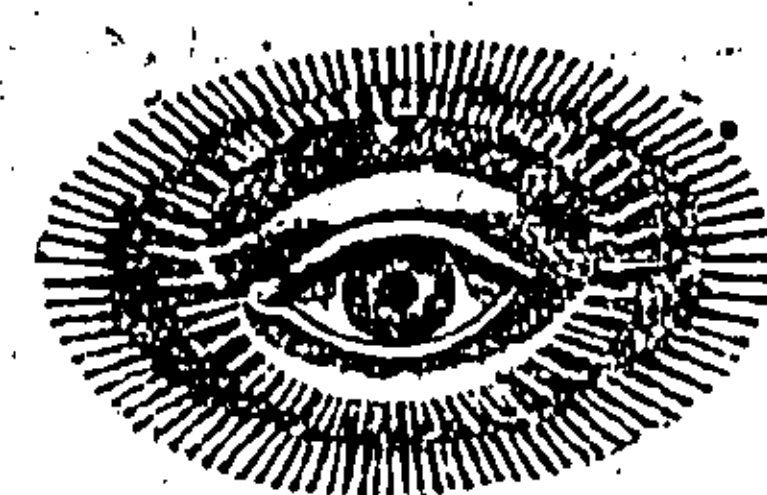
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STRONG ULTIMATUM TO HANKOW.

Sent in Names of Chiang and Feng Jointly

COMMUNISTS WHO MUST TAKE A 'HOLIDAY.'

Sun Fo and Borodin Among The Unwanted.

RUSSIAN GENERAL REPORTED TO BE ARMING PICKETS TO RESIST.

Questions In Parliament Regarding British Forces In China.

The ultimatum sent to the Hankow Government demanding the dismissal of the Reds, the closing of labour unions and the disbanding of propaganda organisations appears to have been sent in the names of General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang jointly.

The Note suggests that the Reds should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe, and among those named in this connection are Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and Comrade Borodin, the notorious Russian adviser of the Hankow Government.

General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are evidently prepared to enforce their demands by marching against Hankow — movements of troops are already reported — and the Russian General Gallen is said to be arming pickets to put up a fight.

Questions were asked in Parliament yesterday regarding the British forces in Hong Kong and China. The Secretary for War said that no Reservist would be retained for service beyond a year unless he so volunteered.

REDS MUST GO.

The Ultimatum By Chiang and Feng.

Hankow, June 28.
The ultimatum which was sent to Wuhun was in the joint names of Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang.

The Note contained the suggestion that the following, among



Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and a former Mayor of Canton, who is one of the Hankow Reds General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are demanding should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe.

others should take a "holiday" in Russia or Europe.

Tan Yen-kai, Tang Seng-chi, Wang Ching-wei and Sun Fo.

The departure of Borodin from Hankow is also demanded.

General Gallen, the military adviser to Borodin, is reported to be arming pickets to put up a fight in the event of Chiang and Feng putting into operation their threat of measures against Hankow.

—British Naval Wireless.

Advance Up River?

Chinkiang, June 28.

Two China Merchants' steamers have arrived and junks have been commandeered, apparently for conveyance of troops up-river.

—British Naval Wireless.

Fukien Party's Plans.

Peking, June 28.

The new Fukien party, it is reported, have arranged their plans. They are to try and stop the fighting along the Peking-Hankow Railway line, with Marshal Chang Tso-lin still as their leader, and they intend to follow the three people's principles of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Generals Chang Hsiang-liang and Yang U-seng are to be elected to look after military affairs.

Overtures for Alliance.

General U Kwok-hon, said to be a representative of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, has arrived at the

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

Shansi headquarters and interviewed Yen Shek-sen, presumably with a view to arranging an alliance between the Fengtien and Shansi forces. So far as is known, Yen has made no definite reply. — "Hong Kong Evening Post."

A NEW ALLY.

Chiang Also In Touch With Chang?

Shanghai, June 29.

The following are staying at the Burlington Hotel: There is reason to believe that their presence is connected with the negotiations between Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Tso-lin:—

Gen. Lee Sung-woo, emissary from Chang Sung-chung;

Lee Sz-hao, ex-Minister of Finance;

Sung Hou-chai, chief of the Wines and Tobacco Monopoly;

Wong Wen-pah, manager of the Central Bank;

Gen. Pei-Pao-shan.—Reuter.

FORCES IN CHINA.

Question In The House of Commons.

London, June 28.

The strength of the British forces in China was the subject of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, replying to Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative) stated that there were seventeen infantry battalions, one marine battalion and ancillary troops stationed in China and Hong Kong in addition to the normal establishment of three infantry battalions.

The casualties up to the present had been one soldier killed, two officers and nine other ranks wounded, and nine others died.

The average weekly number in hospital for the four weeks to June 17 was 22 officers and 895 others. The nearest estimate of the cost of maintaining the force was about an extra £250,000. This was additional to transport charges.

Answering Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour), Sir L. Worthington Evans added that the number of men in hospital was not abnormally high and the medical authorities were satisfied therewith as the percentage was good.

—Reuter.

Position of A Reservists.

London, June 28.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour), Sir L. Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, said the object of the local military authorities in enquiring whether any section of the A Reservists now in China would volunteer to remain in Army service, should occasion arise, was to ascertain what relief would be required to take their places.

The contract with the Reservists would be carried out strictly, as no Reservist would be

COLONIAL RESEARCH.

Important Committee Appointed.

SCHEME FOR COMMON POOL.

London, June 28.

In accordance with the Colonial Conference's recommendation a committee has been appointed comprising Lord Lugard (Chairman), Mr. W. G. A. Ogilby Gore, Under Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Arthur Selborne Jeff, Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, Mr. Ambrose Stanton, M.D., Chief Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office, Major Ralph Furse, Private Secretary to the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. A. W. Hill, Botanic Gardens, Mr. F. Eagledow, School of Agriculture, Cambridge, Mr. O. G. R. Williams, Assistant Secretary, Colonial Office, Sir John Farmer, Professor of Botany and Director of the Biological Laboratory.

—Reuter.

OVER EIGHTY DEATHS.

Death Sentence On a Koltchak's Ex-Officer.

Moscow, June 18.

The Viatska Provincial Court has passed sentence of death on Lieutenant Malin, an ex-officer of Koltchak's force, who is accused of having ordered the shooting of over eighty people.

—Reuter.

Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, and Sir Graeme Thomson, Governor of Nigeria.—Reuter.

The Colonial Conference approved a scheme of agricultural research and organisation.

At the outset the report of the committee on colonial scientific and research service requested the Colonial Office to appoint a committee to work out a detailed scheme for submission to the Governments concerned. The conference was of the opinion that the scheme could

be initiated on an income of £175,000, of which a considerable portion would be the replacement of existing expenditure on the salaries of agricultural research officers.

A preamble to the report said that the committee was appointed to prepare a scheme based on contributions to a common pool for the creation of a colonial scientific research service available for the whole Colonial Empire. It was decided to restrict the enquiry to medicine, agriculture, veterinary science, and forestry.

Lord Lugard, in a speech at the conclusion of the Conference, said that the question of organisation of research was the biggest and most interesting of the Conference.

—Reuter.

retained for service beyond a year unless he so volunteered.

Replying to a supplementary question, Sir L. Worthington Evans said he hoped to give them their discharge within a year.—Reuter.

RAISING THE WIND.

Nanking Now Follows Hankow's Example.

Shanghai, June 28.

The director of the surtax revenue department in Shanghai advises that he has been ordered by the Nanking Ministry of Finance to collect the surtax of 2½ per cent. on exports from July 1. This is additional to the existing customs export duty of 5 per cent. ad valorem.

A similar surtax is already being enforced by the Hankow Government.—Reuter.

(Continued on Page 7.)

PACIFIC FLIGHT.

U.S. Army Fliers Start For Hawaii.

CIVILIAN AIRMAN'S MISHAP.

Washington, June 28.

Lieutenants Maitland and Hogenberger intend starting in the morning on their non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii.—Reuter's American Service.

Oakland, June 28.

Lieutenant Maitland piloting and Lieutenant Hogenberger navigating, the 3-engine Fokker Army aeroplane started its flight at 7.09 in the morning.—Reuter's American Service.

A Request to Ships.

Later.

Ships in the Pacific have been warned by wireless to keep a sharp watch for Maitland's aeroplane and to make wireless reports of its course.—Reuter's American Service.

Wind Screen Fails.

Oakland, June 28.

Ernest Smith took off in a civilian plane with Charles Carter as assistant for Hawaii this morning but shortly returned owing to the mica screen intended for protection against the wind blowing in on his face.—Reuter's American Service.

Airship Design Prize.

Washington, June 28.

The first prize in the United States Navy competition for the best design for a new dirigible of 6,500,000 cubic feet gas capacity, which exceeds double the "Los Angeles," has been awarded to the Goodyear Tyre Rubber Company.

A sum of \$50,000 accompanies the award.

If the winner does not receive the contract to construct the successful airship, which Goodyear's are likely to, to the contract must be awarded to an American firm.

Reuter's American Service.

Lindbergh's Flight.

Capt. Charles Lindbergh's successful flight from New York to Paris added more than \$20,000,000 to the market value of securities of three companies that assisted to equip his plane.

The Spirit of St. Louis was driven by a Wright Aeronautical Corporation engine and was lubricated by Vacuum Oil. Its landing gear was equipped with Goodrich tyres; so Goodrich stock, say some enthusiasts, is entitled to mention.

The shares of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation advanced from a low of 28½ to a high of 39; Vacuum was up from 110½ to 117½, and Goodrich from 55½ to 58. The rise in value is shown in the following table:—

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RUBBER INDUSTRY.

NO OTHER SCHEME BEING CONSIDERED.

London, June 28.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. C. N. Dixey (Conservative), after pessimistic references to the condition of the British rubber industry, particularly in the Malay States, owing to vast planting extensions in Java and Sumatra, asked whether Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, was considering any scheme for the preservation of British plantations.

Mr. Amery, replying, referred to his reply on May 10 as regards East India production. He added that the existing rubber restriction scheme aims at the preservation of plantations and said he was not considering any other scheme.—Reuter.

"FAIR TO SHOWERY."

The official weather forecast for the next 24 hours reads:—"South-east winds, moderate; fair to showery."

Pressure has increased moderately over Japan, South Manchuria and North-east China, and slightly from the Loochoos to Tongking and over the Philippines.

It has decreased slightly at Shanghai. A feeble anticyclone is central to the East of Tokyo. A depression is central over Tongking.

SMALLER NAVIES.

Britain Makes Important Proposal.

CRUISERS IN TWO CLASSES.

Geneva, June 28.

An important proposal has been made by the British delegation to the Technical Committee of the Naval Conference, namely to divide cruisers into two classes, the first of 10,000 tonnage carrying eight inch guns, and the second of 7,500 tons carrying six inch guns. The Japanese and American delegates have asked for time to consider the proposal.—Reuter.

STEADY PROSPERITY.

AMERICA'S MANUFACTURES INCREASE.

THE FIGURES FOR MAY.

New York, June 28.

The Federal Reserve Board in its monthly report states that the output of manufactures increased considerably in May, while the production of minerals was maintained at the April level.

There was increased activity in the cotton and woolen mills and the meat packing and lumber industries.

The output of steel, iron, non-ferrous metals, motor cars and building materials, after allowing for the usual seasonal variations, was maintained at practically the same level as in April, but since the latter part of May production in steel and automobiles has declined.

The general level of wholesale commodity prices has not changed since the middle of April.—Reuter's American Service.

NATION'S THIRST.

LESS ALCOHOL AND MORE TEA.

FINANCE BILL FACTS.

London, June 28.

At the committee stage of the Finance Bill in the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Hudson (Labour) moved an amendment to reduce the tea duty from 4d. to 1d. on the grounds that it was a necessity to render the working classes diet palatable and promote temperance.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opposing the amendment said that the general tendency was a slight upward movement in the consumption of tea. Remission of the duty would cost between £2,500,000 and £3,000,000, while complete repeal would double the figures. This he could not contemplate for a moment.

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the consumption of alcohol was decreasing at a rate which caused anxiety to the Exchequer. Tea was almost alone among the revenue duties which were lower than before the war.

The amendment was defeated by 221 to 121 votes and the tea duty clause in the Bill was carried by 224 to 120 votes.—Reuter.

DAUDET'S ESCAPE.

PARIS POLICE RAID ROYALIST NEWSPAPER.

QUESTIONS IN CHAMBER.

Paris, June 28.

There was a sequel to Daudet's escape when the police raided the offices of the "Action Française". They seized documents and interrogated the telephone operators. The Chamber of Deputies by 350 to 185 votes adopted a resolution which the Government made a question of confidence in favour of an adjournment of interpellations with regard to the Daudet affair pending the conclusion of a judicial enquiry.

The Chamber of Deputies had previously by 379 to 145 votes passed the Army reorganisation bill enabling, inter alia, a reduction in the period of military service.—Reuter.

[As the result of an astounding practical joke, M. Leon Daudet, Deputé of the "Action Française" and Senator, the Communist, were released from Sainte Prison. It appears that a young Royalist telephoned the Governor of the prison, and, imitating the voice of M. Sarraut, the Minister of the Interior, ordered their release. It is reported that Daudet has left Paris for an unknown destination.]

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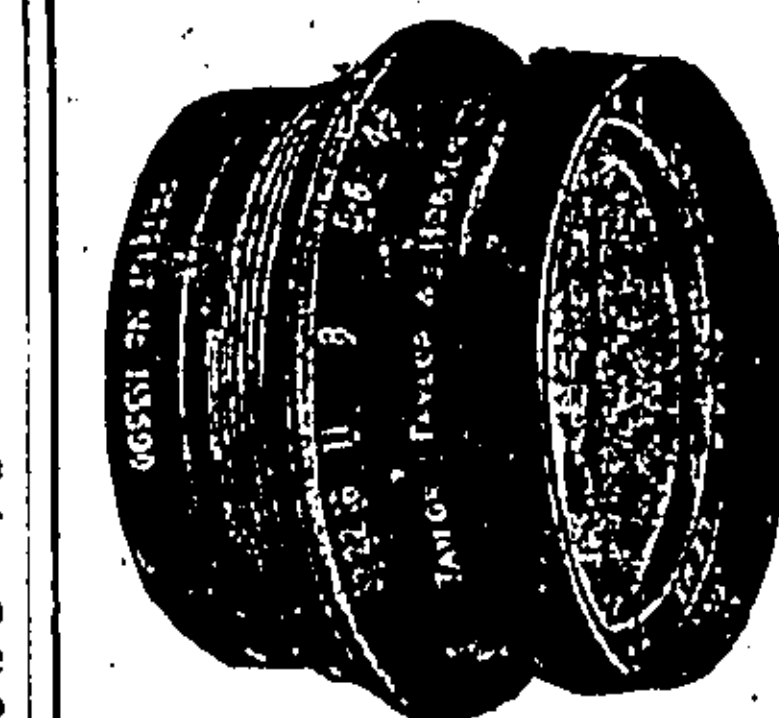
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

TRADE IN HANKOW.

FALL IN NATIONALIST NOTES.

RICE SHORTAGE.

The following trade report is issued by the British Chamber of Commerce at Hankow for the week ended June 15 and gives a review of conditions in that port for the period mentioned:

Again it is necessary to report a further worsening of the economic situation during the week and a further decline in the exchange value of the Nationalist irredeemable notes, Tis. 135.00 paper having been paid for Shanghai Tis. 100.00 this being equivalent to a discount of at least 38 per cent in the nominal value of the notes.

It is interesting to trace the decline from parity in the value of these notes since April 18 on which date the Nationalist Government decreed that they should no longer be redeemable in silver. During the week ending April 27 a system of official rationing of remittance to Shanghai was inaugurated, 2½ per cent discount being the rate fixed, although almost immediately 7 per cent was charged in the open market. The official scheme failed lamentably as no appreciable amount of remittance was ever permitted at official rates.

By May 11 the notes were at a discount of 13 per cent, this having increased to 18 per cent one week later. By June 8 the discount had increased to 31 per cent, and now 58 days after the placing of the embargo upon the use of silver the irredeemable notes are at a discount of 38 per cent.

Situation To-day.

To-day the situation is, there is scarcely any business being done, and most of the little that is passing is being done for payment in Shanghai currency, the British paper the Central China Post is still closed, 88 days since it was summarily closed by the Unions compelling its employees, against their own inclination, to strike. The Foreign Banks continue closed, officially, for although they are functioning to their own clients they do not handle Nationalist currency and indeed have not done so since it ceased to be redeemable in silver.

Rice Shortage.

The shortage of rice referred to in the last report has been somewhat accentuated during the week, supplies from up river are coming in very slowly while no supplies from down river are arriving.

Chung Kai-shih who controls Wuhan having prohibited the export of rice to Hankow which is declared to be "enemy country." Chung Kai-shih's forces are reported to be approaching Hankow from down river.

AMERICAN CORN PRICES.

Prices Jump Wildly in Chicago.

Chicago, June 28.

Corn prices jumped wildly, almost by seven cents a bushel and closed virtually at top. The figures were reached on predictions current of a possible disaster to the corn crop.

—Reuter's American Service.

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C. L. G. SANDES, Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th June, 1926.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927.

DIVIDEND.

COMPANY TO PAY FOUR PER CENT.

SATISFACTORY FIGURES.

The 28th annual general meeting of the S. Moutrie and Co., Ltd. was held in Shanghai when Mr. W. J. Isemann occupied the chair and presented the following annual report and statement of accounts to shareholders:

The reports and accounts having been in your hands for some days, which will have given you time to examine them, I propose therefore to follow the usual custom and take them, as well as the Auditors' Certificate, as read.

This year has been by no means an easy one for business, especially for those branches of the company that are in China. I do not intend to take up your time with a repetition of the various occurrences referred to as you are all well aware of them. Notwithstanding these set-backs, however, it is with great pleasure your Board are in such a position as to be able to lay before you a report and statement of accounts such as those placed before you, and which I feel sure you will view with equal satisfaction.

You will observe that the balance standing at the credit of Profit and Loss account is \$2,755.47. This sum together with \$13,698.58 brought forward from last year's account, but less the interim dividend of 6 per cent, \$24,685, leaves a total balance for disposal of \$1,870.05 and which your Board recommends be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a final Dividend of 4 per cent, absorbing \$16,390.00

To pay a final special bonus of \$6 per share 49,170.00

To carry forward to New Account 16,310.05

\$81,870.05

In regard to this allocation you will note no additions have been made to Reserves or Equalisation of Dividend Fund. The former are fully adequate when taken in conjunction with the amount of our liquid assets, and in regard to the latter we prefer to carry forward a larger sum, than in previous years, to the current year's account in view of the difficult times we have still yet to go through before the local political situation is settled.

Sundry debitors are slightly higher, but by no means disproportionate to the increased volume of business done.

Assets.

Under this heading you will note there now appears—"Investments \$37,109.33" which represents practically all S.M.C. debentures, and while you will note that the market value of these on 31st March last was \$71,956.95, this value has considerably appreciated since.

Special Transfer.

One other item calls for attention and which is entered on the Profit and Loss Account—"Special Transfer to Staff Superannuation Fund" \$19,357. This sum was transferred to the Fund to make good the depreciation of S.M.C. debentures, which securities the Fund is invested in. In the event of these debentures appreciating to their former market value, this amount will revert to the company's funds again. In making this allocation we feel sure we have your approval as it is following what has been done in many instances by local companies, and further the foreign staff have well deserved it by their efforts and success in maintaining and furthering the business of the company during the periods of unrest we have experienced during the past two years or so.

We feel sure you will view the company's financial position, notwithstanding the general business depression, or I might say standstill, in China. We are fortunate, however, not to have to depend on China entirely, as a considerable portion of your business is done outside China.

Our wholesale business, both domestic and foreign continues to increase in the demand for Moutrie products.

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

Paris, June 28.

M. Poincare declares that the financial situation has improved, but is still far from definitely stabilised.

He stresses the necessity of maintaining a strict balance.

The Budget provides 42,160,682,651 francs as receipts and 41,527,952,171 as expenditure.

The establishment of the Budget is based on the principle that the present taxes should be maintained without any change.

The expenditure shows, comparatively, that in 1927 there was an excess of 1,986,000,000 francs owing chiefly to increasing wages of State officials and to reorganisation of the military forces.

As the present taxes could not cover the increase in expenditure, a balance will be maintained by substantial economies in the service of the Public Debt. Such reductions amount to 1,974,000,000 francs as against 1,927,000,000 francs.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

EFFECT ON SHANGHAI FIRM.

The 31st annual general meeting of shareholders in Lane, Crawford and Co., Ltd. was held in the Shanghai office when Mr. J. Ambrose occupied the chair. The chairman's speech was as follows:—

Gentlemen:—The report and accounts for the year ended February 28, 1927, having been in your hands for the requisite period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

Your Directors regret that the issue of the aforesaid accounts have been delayed somewhat which is, in a great measure, due to the fact that those responsible for their production were unable through local political troubles to devote the time requisite for their completion, they being more or less engaged in local military service for the defence of the Settlements.

Year's Loss.

Your Directors also regret that the result of the year's working is a loss of \$27,896.95 due to the great trade depression in Shanghai and the outports together with the very active competition from those in business similar to ours, which has compelled us to reduce the prices of our goods to meet such competition, added to which the lower rates of exchange ruling during the year have increased the

laid down cost in Shanghai of all imported goods and in addition the Civil War has reduced our volume of business in all the outports owing to the uncertainty of residence there as customers were not willing and possibly unable to buy to the same extent as in normal years.

Future Problematical.

It is quite impossible to forecast what the outcome of the current year will be but our turnover for the first quarter is somewhat lower than that for the corresponding period of last year.

With regards to the accounts now before you, they do not need much comment, though there are in them a few items to which I would draw attention viz:—

Land and building being B. C. Lot No. 6103 and 8079 stand in our books at \$380,000.00 whilst the value placed upon the land alone by the Council's Assessment Committee is \$597,602.73 or a difference in your favour of \$217,602.73, whilst B. C. Lot No. 625 occupied by Messrs. Dombey and Son, which stands at \$55,172.48 is assessed at \$103,953.4

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NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named company has this day transferred its Offices to 3, CHATER ROAD (Queen's Building, 3rd Floor). Hong Kong, 27th June, 1927.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

Defag Schirler, from Marburg-lahn.
Fattuppo, from Georgetown Dem.
Joret Steamboat Tonkin, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 23rd June, 1927.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Tycomco, from Shanghai.
Rogers, London Mission, from Tientsin.

Jueycen Handicraft, from Paris.
E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, 16th June.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Park Hotel	1305
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Faimoshan	3124
Towloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, the 1st July.
Hong Kong, 28th June, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

WITH Reference to the Notice to Shareholders of the above Company dated 16th February, 1927 whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 30th June, 1927, instead of 1st March, 1927, the Directors of the Company have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of the Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 30th NOVEMBER, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 30th November, 1927.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hong Kong, 10th June, 1927.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON MONDAY, 27th June, 1927, the Offices of BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. (CHINA) LTD. will be Removed to Sixth Floor, P. & O. Building, Connaught Road, Central.
Hong Kong, 23rd June, 1927.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 25th July, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th June, 1927.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, 35, Des Voeux Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of July, 1927, at 12 o'clock, noon for the purposes of considering, and if approved, of passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. H. R. CLELAND, C.A., of Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews be, and is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that should the foregoing Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a further Extraordinary Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of July, 1927, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

By Order of the Board,
SUM PAK-MING, Chairman.
Hong Kong, 27th June, 1927.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY, THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

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RADIO SOCIETY.

A YEAR'S EXPERIMENTS REVIEWED.

COMING ANNUAL MEETING.

The year's activities of the Hong Kong Radio Society are reviewed in the annual report which has been circulated to members. The report is as follows:—

During the year the Society's activities have mainly been directed towards the broadcasting of concerts, etc., not only with the object of providing radio entertainment for members, but also as an attempt to show that there is scope for broadcasting in the Colony. It was not the Society's intention to strive to perfect a broadcasting organisation, but merely to do a certain amount of experimental work in the hope that sufficient interest would be aroused locally to warrant the organisation of a broadcasting service by others whose scope was not limited like that of the Radio Society.

Experimental transmissions were carried out more or less regularly from July, 1926, and the Committee believes that these, while purely experimental, have had an influence for good on radio generally in Hong Kong. The work of the Society was hampered by the fact that with only a comparatively small membership sufficient funds were not forthcoming from entrance fees and subscriptions to enable needed apparatus to be procured.

Transmitter Sold.
Towards the end of the year the Society found itself with insufficient funds to enable transmissions to be continued and the replacing of the old, worn out valves left the Society indebted to a member who defrayed part of the cost on the understanding that the Society would acknowledge the debt when it had sufficient funds. With this liability, the Committee had no alternative but to dispose of the transmitter in the knowledge that it would remain in the Colony at least for some time and that it would likely be used for broadcasting purposes by others.

It will be seen that the Society now has a balance of \$208.40. The expenditure on broadcasting has been itemised in order to give members an accurate idea of how same has been incurred. The item of \$68.40, for aerial equipment would be an asset to the Society if transmissions were still being made. The three items, modulation transformer, (\$15), magnetic modulator, (\$25) and radiotron ammeter, (\$10), were not included with the transmitter when same was purchased but were sold with the transmitter and are therefore included in expenditure instead of as an asset.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to the "South China Morning Post," Ltd. for placing a room at the disposal of the Society for meeting and broadcasting purposes during the year; to Messrs. Moutrie for the loan of gramophone records; to the many artists who gave their voluntary services at broadcast concerts, and to all those who during the year have assisted the Society in many ways.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, at 5.30 p.m. at the "Morning Post" Building.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

TENANT REPUDIATES HIGH CHARGES.

SUIT BY LANDLORD.

An alleged agreement by which a tenant had agreed to pay electric current charges but had failed to carry out his undertaking, was heard in the Summary Court yesterday when \$173.28 was claimed by Mr. H. J. Ruttonjee from Mrs. D. A. Ross to whom he had rented premises at No. 7 Duddell Street, second floor.

None of the electric current bills had been paid, it was stated, during nearly six months tenancy. There was nothing in the tenancy agreement about electric light and the understanding, it was claimed, had been arrived at verbally.

The defence was that the electric current charges had increased tremendously in the last three months, from an average of less than \$5 a month to over \$40 a month, and these payments, which it was claimed could not be correct, had been paid by plaintiff without defendant's permission or agreement. It was suggested that there must have been a leakage in current somewhere and that this should have been repaired into first.

After certain evidence had been heard, the case was adjourned.

There is a great amount of lip-service paid to economy, but the pressure of various sections of the public is always in the direction of increased expenditure.—Sir Reginald Blair.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVAL.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "St. Albans" from Kobe on June 29 were:—Miss E. Dixon, Nurse M. Elders, Mr. J. Knight, Miss S. Scott, Rev. and Mrs. Trudinger and two children, Mr. C. B. Ware.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers left Hong Kong for Seattle via ports by the s.s. "President McKinley" on June 28, were:—Mr. A. Fishman, Mrs. R. L. Rean, Mr. Tong Sap-ye, Mr. Cheng Fun-man, Mr. Kwok Sook-wing, Mr. H. Kwang, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tang, Mr. Chan Tak-poy, Mr. Chan Yim-Chuck-wan, Mr. Leang Yue-fu, Mr. Leang Fong-fok, Miss Lee, Miss Ho, Mr. Wong Kow, Mr. Wong Yuen, Miss M. Holsington, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bender, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Mr. K. N. Wong, Mr. D. Kwong Sang, Mr. F. C. Kan, Mr. Lyon Brown, Lokoomall, Dr. J. G. Pang-yuen, Mr. V. Katkin, Mr. Wu Pang-yuen, Mr. V. Katkin, Mr. Ma Chuen, Mr. Lee Fong-yue, Mrs. Ma Shi, Mrs. Loong Shi, Mr. Tsu Yee-pel, Mr. Wong Chor-man, Mr. Wong Chor-pun, Mrs. W. E. Clarke, Mrs. I. Balthis, Mr. Lin Sze-wan, Mr. R. L. Julian, Lt. and Mrs. B. E. Gates, Col. and Mrs. P. M. Holsington, Mr. Chong Chung-kong, Miss M. Girdlestone, Mrs. M. E. K. Farrar, Mrs. Wong Shee, Mrs. Tong Sang, Mr. P. M. Noll, Mr. Cho Chee-lee, Mr. H. M. Petrick, Rev. R. B. Blakey, Mr. F. A. McClure, Mrs. McClure and infant, Mrs. A. C. Bailey, Miss Ethellean Bailey, Miss Elizabeth Bailey, Mr. Francisco Chiong, Mr. Chan Wah, Mrs. Au Shee, Mr. Ho Ka-chiu, Mr. J. R. Lewis, Mr. M. V. Suter.

Passengers left Hong Kong for Manila by the C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" on June 28, were:—Mr. F. A. Arguelles, Miss V. Brown, Mr. W. Y. Chi, Mr. W. M. Chi, Mr. Chong Chong, Mr. Chong Tong, Mrs. Cheng She, Mr. Chin Tun, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Castro, Mr. Chow Chu-in, Mr. Cheung Ack, Miss M. Cressley, Mr. Y. C. Chen, Mr. J. L. Chelemana, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Clark, Mr. F. Cortes, Mr. L. V. Dayrit, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fernandez, Mr. G. Fernandez, Mrs. K. Fujiwara, Mr. G. Furuya, Miss A. G. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Gowen, Mr. N. Hiron, Mrs. Ho Shi, Mr. Ho Wong, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoffman, Miss V. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hellis, Mr. Kang Bun-poy, Mr. G. Kobayashi, Mr. A. T. Kay, Miss G. Liorente, Mr. Lay Kung, Miss M. M. Lefever, Miss A. Lamberton, Miss M. Louden, Miss V. A. McGoldrick, Mr. I. Maeda, Mrs. S. S. Novak, Mr. Ong Tian-ye, Mr. J. C. O'Connor, Mrs. E. Rice, Mrs. R. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Snyder and infant, Mrs. B. T. Stevenson, Mr. Sing Sam, Mr. Y. T. Sung, Mr. B. Sade, Mr. C. Thwaites, Mr. Tung Ao, Mr. T. Tesser, Mrs. S. Tesser, Mr. G. Viana, Miss Wong Che-zong, Mr. W. Wiegand, Mr. D. D. Wood, Mr. Yao So-kut, Mr. Yao So-sing, Miss L. Yu, Mr. Yam Chuen-bak, Mr. Yang Shu-pou, Mrs. A. S. Zapanta, Miss L. Zapanta, Mr. Zung Pao-oo.

Confidence is a plant of slow growth.—Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise.

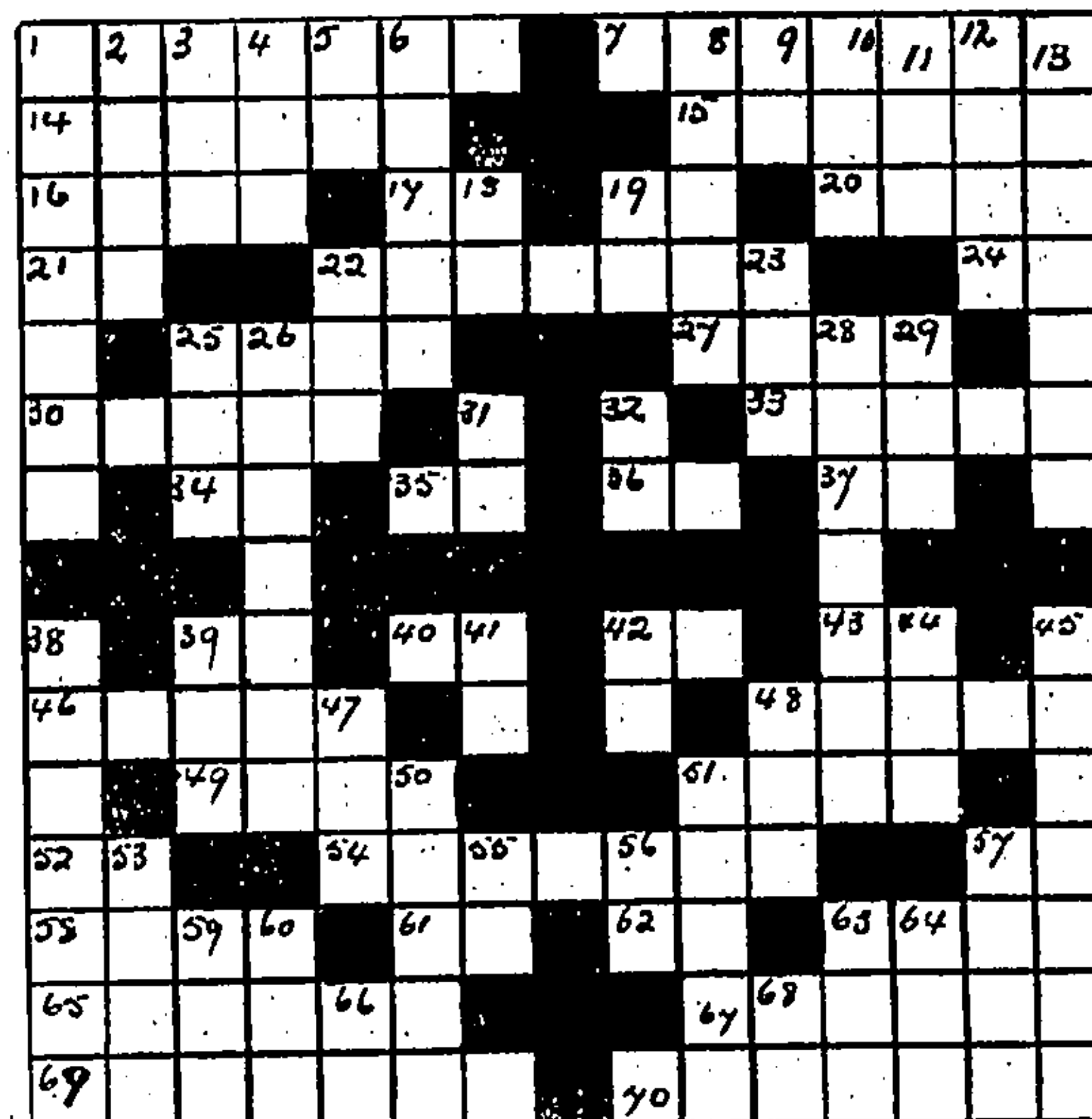
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[SECOND SERIES.]

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- No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
- Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
- No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
- The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
- The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
- The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into correspondence regarding the competition.
- Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
- Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
- All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
- No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
- Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Office.

No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

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forsolution (s) which are attached.

Name

Address

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, JULY 4.

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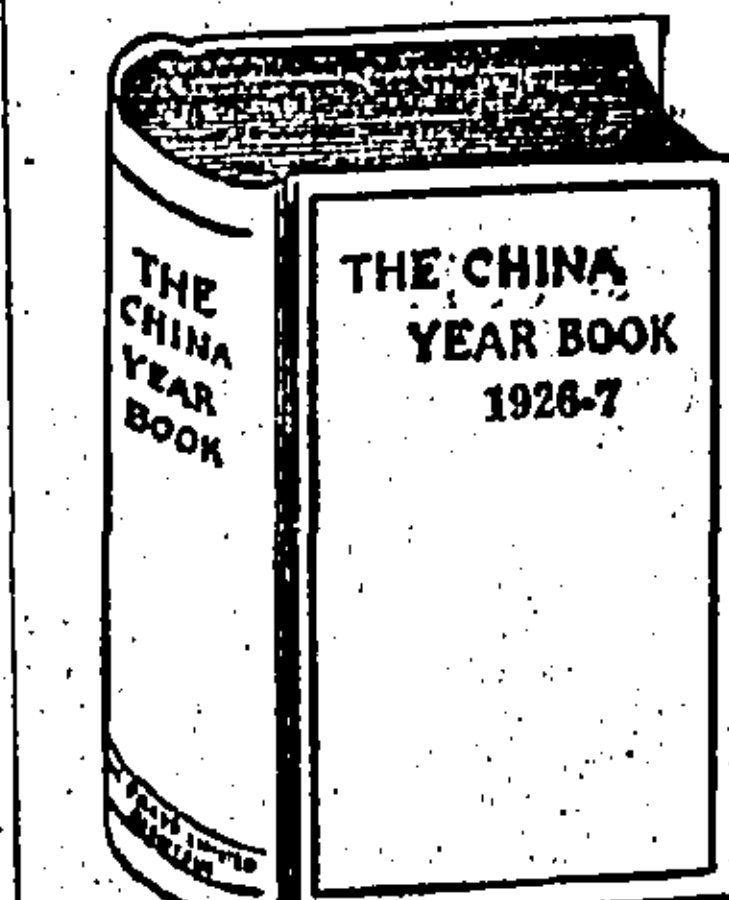
Across.

- To gather.
- An injection.
- Chamberlain.
- Not easily.
- To pull.
- Alot.
- Alternative.
- A novitate (jumbled).
- United States (abb.).
- A pan for holding coals.
- M. (Actual).
- Once more.
- Chief magistrate in Venice and Genoa.
- The brother of one's mother or father.
- A jewel.
- T. L. (Actual).
- Exist.
- Compass point.
- Near.
- New Territories (abb.).
- Same as 37 across.
- Word of denial.
- Upon.
- Hail or snow mingled with rain.
- To support.
- Progeny.
- A prophet.
- Same as 17 across.
- A tuft.
- The eleventh month of the Jewish civil year and the fifth of the ecclesiastical year.
- To dispirit or deaden.
- A word uttered to frighten children.
- Musical note.
- To lend (jumbled).
- Outbreak.
- To place.
- Stale.
- Concurs.

Down.

- Fit to be felled.
- Pertaining or belonging, to us.
- L. N. A. (Actual).
- To haul.
- London Postal District (abb.).
- To shake with violence.
- Enticed.
- Y. N. (Actual).
- Fixed.
- To stimulate.
- Root.
- A rhombhedron.
- Father.
- O. I. (Actual).
- Insect.
- The inspissated juice of ripe fruit.
- Do.
- Luster.
- Humped.
- E. Y. Y. (Actual).
- Compass point.
- Bone.
- Taken for granted.
- You.
- M. B. (Actual).
- N. C. R. (Actual).
- Fixes.
- Cloth made from the fibre of the Corchorus olitorius.
- In addition.
- A knot.
- Scandinavian poet.
- The second largest American tiger.
- Provided that.
- From.
- Prefix signifying before.
- Limb.
- A pliable rod or twig.
- A unit.
- Paddle.
- T. E. (Actual).
- Exclamation.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.



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"Leung Kwong" Disaster Inquiry.

HARBOUR MASTER'S EVIDENCE.

Interesting expert evidence was given by the Harbour Master, Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., and Mr. W. Russell, Senior Government Marine Surveyor at yesterday afternoon's resumption of the "Leung Kwong" inquiry at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. Russell said that prior to the 1914 regulations grilles were fitted to the lower decks of river steamers to prevent third class passengers from going into the second class compartment. There were no regulations then with regard to grilles over cargo ports, and grilles were not required to be fitted in cargo ships. The 1914 Anti-Piracy Regulations provided for the lower deck grilles to be locked when the ships were under way, in addition to other devices. There was no regulation with regard to lower deck grilles in the 1924 Anti-Piracy Regulations, and no ship could be forced to have one. The 1924 regulations the witness considered were incompatible with the 1914 regulations. If the witness had been in charge he would not have had the lower grille locked. In fact, he would have had them removed, and certainly would not have issued passenger certificates to ships having these grilles. The grilles in the witness's opinion, endangered lives in the case of emergency.

Five Seconds To Act.

Lieut.-Comdr. Hole said that he assumed duty as Harbour Master on July 24, 1924. Asked to give his opinion as a navigator with regard to the collision between the "Leung Kwong" and the "Moonshine," the witness first dealt with the story as given by the "Moonshine" coxswain. When this witness said that the "Leung Kwong" had turned to port when about 250 feet away from the "Moonshine,"

he (Commander Hole) calculated that the coxswain would have had just 10 seconds in which to act before the collision. He would have required at least five seconds to consider his position, so that he had just five seconds in which to act. Then the witness thought the coxswain would have acted more or less by instinct and ported his own helm. This the Harbour Master said had been driven into every coxswain "Port your helm to avoid a collision." Then the accident happened. The witness commented that there was no break in this story and it was in accordance with the fact that the ships came into collision at an angle of 10 points.

The Wrong Side.

Dealing with the story told by the pilot of the "Leung Kwong" which was to the effect that the "Moonshine" was first sighted with her starboard light just showing on the Mawan side of the channel, which was the wrong side, and that this led the "Leung Kwong" to turn her helm to starboard and cut across the channel, the Harbour Master said that there was a break in this version. The pilot had also said that the "Leung Kwong" never saw the "Moonshine's" port light until the last minute. If this was so, the two ships could not have come into collision at an angle of 10 points. The angle must have been much more acute if the ships collided at all, and then the "Moonshine" would have had to go to port and then turned to starboard, which was unlikely in the time she had at her disposal. This led the witness to the conclusion that the evidence of the "Leung Kwong" was not exact. If the "Moonshine" had ported her helm hard her light must have shown immediately while still some distance away from the "Leung Kwong."

Passenger Certificates.

The Coroner: The "Moonshine's" version supported a collision at the angle of 10 points?—Yes.
Dealing with the procedure followed in issuing passengers' certificates to ships he said that the Government Marine Surveyor would report to him that a ship had car-

ried out the provisions of law (The Merchant Shipping Act) and then he (the Harbour Master) would forward the certificate to H.E. the Governor to be signed. These certificates were required to be held by all ships carrying passengers in and out of Hong Kong, unless a ship possessed a certificate of equal value from another Colony or any foreign country.

Replying to the Coroner, Commander Hole said that there was no age limit for masters or officers of ships, neither here nor anywhere else that the witness knew of.

A Captain's Age.

Asked if in his opinion he considered a man of 78 like Captain Wilson of the "Leung Kwong" was a fit person to have charge of a ship carrying as many as 500 passengers, the Harbour Master said that that was a very delicate question to answer. Under present regulations, he said, Captain Wilson was considered a fit person, but speaking personally, if the witness had been the owner of the ship he would have hesitated to employ the Captain.

Answering another question the witness said that he most certainly thought it the duty of a master to be on the bridge of his ship while passing such a dangerous place as Capsicum Pass. Speaking as a seaman, the witness said that the life saving facilities on board the ship was not adequate, but under the local ordinance it was. The Board of Trade would not have issued a certificate to a ship with such inadequate appliances. He

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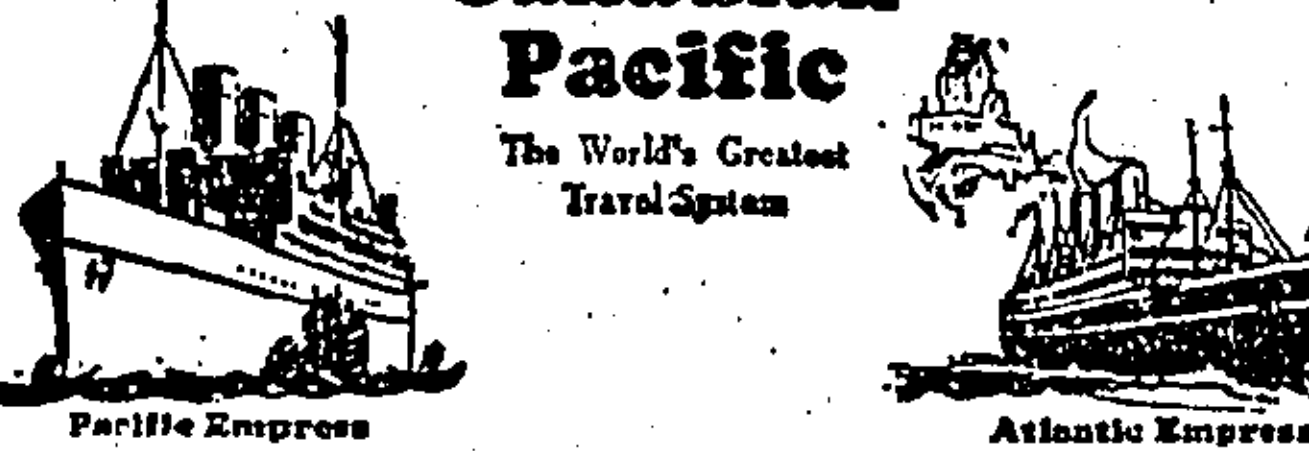
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did not know anywhere else that would.

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Asked why then Hong Kong should be satisfied, the witness said that the only explanation was the nature of the passenger trade in Hong Kong, the like of which he had never seen anywhere else before. If the Hong Kong Government stuck to the Board of Trade regulations, ships would be able to carry only 25 to 30 per cent of the number of passengers they carried now. The B.O.T. regulations, the witness said, was boats for all. In the witness's opinion local river boats carry lifesaving appliances for only 5 or 10 per cent of passengers they carry.

The Coroner asked if in view of the fact that tickets were not sold until the ship was actually under way there might not be a breach of the regulation as to the number of passengers a ship was allowed to carry. The witness replied that that might be so. In fact, however, this was not found so. The only time there was any overloading was during the exodus from the Colony just after the general strike of 1925. If machinery were invented to check passengers on ships the witness thought that would considerably delay shipping to the extent of one or one and a half hour each trip. A single hatchway the witness thought was not sufficient means of exit for passengers during an emergency. The "Leung Kwong" the witness said, must have complied with the law as it stood to obtain a certificate.

Locking of Grilles.

With regard to the grilles over the ladders between the second and third class compartments the witness said that these should never have been there, and if they were there they certainly should never have been locked. After the "Sui An" piracy, the witness explained, in March 1924 regulations were brought into force to protect the bridge only, and abandoned one from another. After the meeting of the committee of investigation held since the regulations of March 1924 it had been impressed on all masters that grilles were not to be locked, and grilles were not to be closed unless the cargo ports were left open. Unfortunately owing to the lack of staff only a percentage of ships had been dealt with, and the "Leung Kwong" was not so dealt with.

In the witness's opinion grilles constituted a very, very great danger to passengers, forming a veritable death trap. Questioned as to how the "Leung Kwong's" certificate showed that she had complied with the Anti-Piracy Regulations satisfactorily, the Harbour Master said that that only referred to the grilles on the upper deck. He could not imagine that Mr. Taylor could have gone down to inspect the lower decks. All passenger certificates were submitted to the witness for O.K.

The Inspecting of Ships.

Asked how it was that no comment had been made on the lower grilles before issuing the certificate, the witness explained that the committee was then in the course of going the round of all the ships, and existing fittings were allowed to remain pending the inspection. This had the effect of not holding up ships. The witness admitted that there had been no definite instructions given for the removal of these grilles. When the committee came across them they were allowed to remain under certain conditions. They were not removed so as not to cause inconvenience to the movements of ships. The officials visited by Harbour Office officers once in six months or once a year according to the length of time their certificates were issued for. In between they were visited at irregular intervals as occasion arose. To retain a passengers' certificate had to be surveyed once a year.

Personally with regard to ships like the "Leung Kwong" the Harbour Master advocated full compliance with the B.O.T. regulations, but in view of present conditions to effect these changes forthwith would affect shipping to a great extent. The B.O.T. regulations should be applied in time and they should be enforced gradually. By the jury: Ocean going vessels came under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance. It required appliances to be provided for every man on board. The case was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. The jury requested that evidence be given to show why the No. 1 Indian Guard was instructed to

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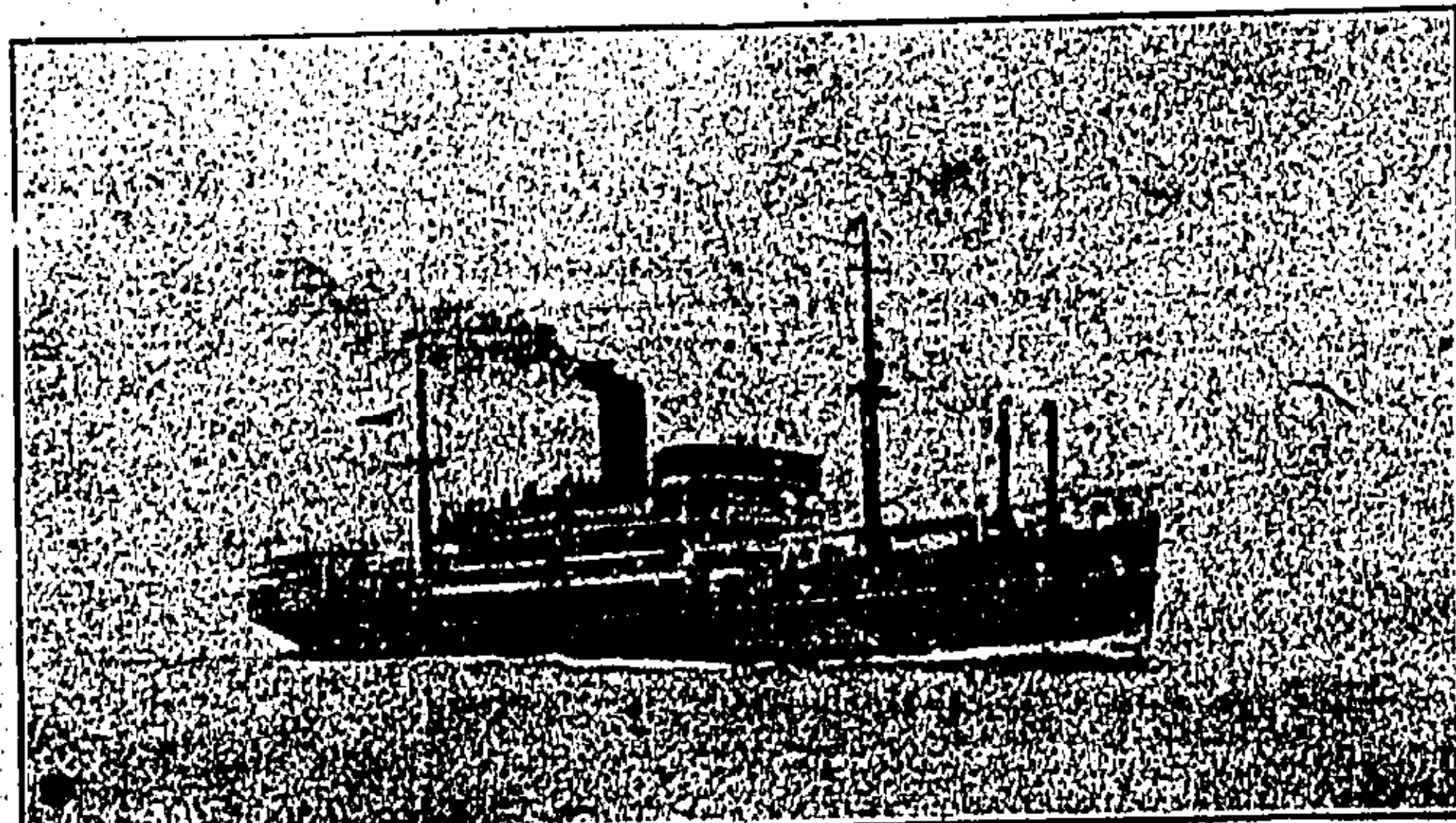
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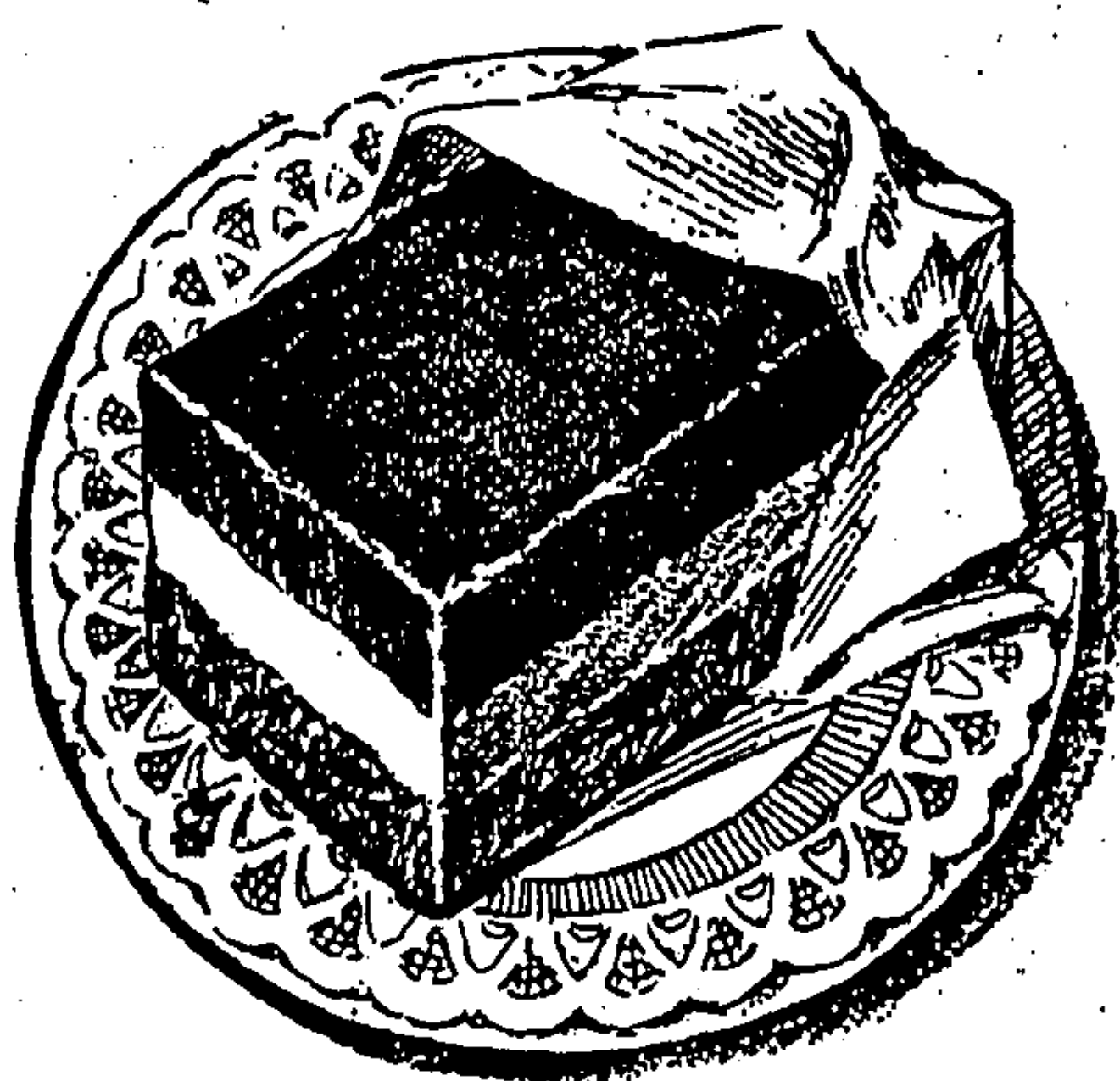
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COLONIAL INTERESTS.

Much too long for ready assimilation by the man in the street is the summary of the proceedings of the Colonial Office Conference held in London from May 10 to 31, inclusive. There are, however, several points of more than outstanding interest to this Colony, which was represented by Mr. S. B. McElderry, and on which it would be appropriate to hear the views of the local Government after due consideration of the official report of the Conference.

For example, the Conference warmly approved the principle of frequent interchange of officers between the Colonial Office and the various Colonial Services. Such an arrangement, it is thought, would conduce to a closer co-operation between Colonial Governments and the Colonial Office, and ensure better understanding by the latter of local conditions overseas and of the problems and difficulties confronting Colonial Administrations. Although not exactly an analogy it may be recalled that when Sir John Anderson went from the Colonial Office to the Straits Settlements as Governor quite a new atmosphere was created in the treatment by the Colonial Office, of questions affecting British Malaya, Straits problems were dealt with at Home in a more statesmanlike manner than ever before. A better understanding was effected all round. Similarly, an interchange of officers between Hong Kong, say, and the Colonial Office, even although it did not affect the high position of Governor, could not but result in our local problems and difficulties being better appreciated in Downing Street, as naturally they would be viewed from an entirely different angle, leading to actual instead of theoretical co-operation and co-ordination.

Another statement in the summarised report of the Conference seems to call for some comment

from the higher authorities here. The Conference, we are told, attached importance to the practice, already adopted by certain Colonial Governments, of arranging periodical conferences between heads of Departments. By this means every officer would in course of time become familiar with the work of other Departments on matters of importance. A conference of such a nature, moreover, could not but dissipate many of the inter-departmental jealousies that are such a feature of certain Colonial Administrations, whilst it would tend to greater efficiency in the case of an officer suddenly being transferred from one Department to another and having only the haziest idea of the nature of his new duties. Indeed, nothing but good could result were the conference extended to embrace every member of the Civil Service in a position of trust and responsibility.

A third point of no less importance discussed by the Conference last month was that affecting medical research, it being rightly agreed that "there was no activity of Government more likely to win the confidence of natives than successful medical work." In this respect the Government of Hong Kong can well claim to have done in the past a tremendous amount of good amongst the Chinese. Given a proper perspective of medical requirements in the future there should be nothing to militate against this good work being continued. There is no Department of Governmental activities that has been so criticised within recent years as that which concerns public health, but that cannot close our eyes to the fact that really useful work has been done amongst the Chinese—work that has certainly instilled into them a degree of confidence in the Government that could not otherwise have been obtained.

Crime and the Press.

Hong Kong, which has many problems in common with the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, where there is the same form of administration, will find the following paragraph from a recent issue of the "Straits Times" of some interest:—

Home police activity in the now notorious Charing Cross trunk murder case has been very notable. We believe we are quite accurate when we state that never before in the history of Scotland Yard, have the police taken the Press into confidence at the outset of their investigations into a baffling case. Usually it has been the custom of Scotland Yard to start hunting a criminal until completely baffled and then to seek Press assistance. In the Charing Cross case, however, the police called on the Press at the outset of investigations. The result was that nearly every leading daily in the United Kingdom published details of such information as Scotland Yard had at its disposal, and also reproduced photographs of certain important material clues. This wide advertisement brought to Scotland Yard so much information from private individuals as to give the detectives a sound base

to work on. The case at once lost its mystery, and an arrest of a suspected person has already been accomplished. There is a moral for Malaya here. The local Press is always willing and anxious to aid the police in the hunting down of those who take the law into their own hands for the purpose of criminally injuring society and there is some doubt as to whether the local police always take the fullest advantage of this fact.

The newspapers in Hong Kong are not less willing and anxious to aid the police in running criminals to earth, but for the most part, it is to be feared, their help is regarded with distrust. Scotland Yard has at last awakened in this respect. Is it too much to ask that Hong Kong will follow its example?

A SORRY BAND.

SEQUEL TO A STREET FIGHT.

Inspector Barnett this morning charged three Chinese before Major Willson with fighting in Old Bailey at 8 o'clock last night. The first man was stated to be a marine hawk. He offered to sell something to an old Chinese woman for five cents. The other two accused chipped in and said the price was too high. Words led to blows and the marine hawk was alleged to have picked up a hammer and attacked the other two with it. One man suffered a split nose which was heavily bandaged, while the other was said to have been injured on the side of the head, but the injury could not be seen, being hidden by a large patch of raw tobacco. The marine hawk did not by any means get off unscathed, for he appeared in Court with a cracked head with the dry blood still over the wound.

As all three accused admitted fighting, it was not brought out how the hawk came by his injury. The Magistrate fined the men \$10 each and bound them over in the sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

SERVICES CONCERT.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S PARTY AT KOWLOON.

The Peking Road Y.M.C.A. was filled yesterday evening on the occasion of one of the most successful concerts that has yet been given for the Service men.

The Band of the 1st/Cameronians delighted the audience with excerpts from Sullivan's operas, "Lilac Time," "The Gathering of the Clans," "Rose Marie" and "A Hunting Scene," whilst Mr. H. E. Gardner and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin greatly pleased the soldiers and sailors with their rendering of well known songs. The duet of Mme. Consuelo Guzman and Mr. H. E. Gardner was loudly applauded and the diversions of Mr. R. Sutherland greatly delighted the audience. The dainty dancing of Miss Betty Pestonji touched a responsive chord and the songs of Mr. J. Barrow and R. H. Charles completed a programme which would have done justice to many a big concert hall in England.

The concert had been arranged by Mrs. W. T. Southern, in conjunction with the Entertainments Committee of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.

DOCTOR CENSURED.

Death followed a small Chinese girl's tumble down a few steps at her school on June 15, and yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the child's death.

According to the mother the child returned from school complaining of a headache. The head was rubbed with hot rice and some Chinese medicine applied. She became unconscious a little later and a Japanese doctor from the Majima Hospital nearby was called.

The doctor said that when he saw the child unconscious and was told that she had fallen down some steps, he at once realised that she was in a dangerous condition. He suggested an injection but the mother would not hear of it. He advised the mother to send the child to hospital but this was not done. Later when he was informed that the child had died, he issued a certificate that death was due to concussion of the brain. He did not inform the police.

In returning a verdict of death through concussion of the brain, the Coroner added a rider to the effect that the doctor should have satisfied himself of the actual cause of death before issuing a certificate. The doctor should also have communicated the girl's death to the police.

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Books on the natural history of the Colony are so badly needed—books on its flowers, insects, beasts, birds, rocks, and shells—that we welcome especially this introduction. It is for sale at a ridiculously low price—\$2.50. We hope that at no distant date the author will follow it up by another similar work on the less common ferns of the Colony.

* Common Hong Kong Ferns by L. Gibbs, Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., \$2.50.

A PICKPOCKET.

POVERTY AS AN EXCUSE FOR CRIME.

While a Chinese was buying some cigarettes at a stall in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon, a pickpocket came up behind him and relieved him of \$55 in notes which was lying loose in a roll in a lower coat pocket. A district watchman saw the theft and immediately grabbed the pickpocket who dropped the notes into the side channel. Here they were recovered by the watchman.

When the accused was charged before Major C. Willson this morning he admitted the theft, but said he did not know the amount of the money he had taken from the complainant's pocket. He excused his act by saying that he was driven to it by poverty.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

RAN INTO ROAD.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTORIST.

Mr. A. L. S. Read, residing at No. 351 Nathan Road, Kowloon, reports that while he was driving his motor cycle along Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, a 12-year-old Chinese boy suddenly crossed the road opposite the Peking Theatre. Mr. Read had no time to pull up and the boy was knocked down and suffered injuries to his head and legs. Mr. Read took the boy to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

ONE OF THEM LYING.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday discharged two Chinese who were charged before him with the theft of three coconuts from a tree in Whitfield near the market. The Magistrate said that under the ordinance a person could not be charged with the theft of fruit unless the fruit taken from a tree was of a value exceeding 25 cents. Besides this, the evidence of the two Chinese constables who arrested the accused was contradictory in that they each pointed out a different man as the one who had ascended the tree. The Magistrate instructed the police to put both constables on report as obviously one of them was lying.

In attempting to evade arrest by an Indian constable who caught him chopping firewood, a Chinese fell down the hillside at Wongnong-chong and injured his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Two Chinese employees of the China Light and Power Company were yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries received by falling from an electric standard which they were painting at Kowloon Tong.

H.K.V.D.C.

FINES FOR NOT ATTENDING PARADE.

PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning the Adjutant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, prosecuted several members of the force for failing to pay a fine of \$25 imposed by the Commandant for inefficiency during the training year 1926-27.

Answering this charge Mr. H. H. Rose, of the P.W.D., said that he had sent in two applications to resign because he realised that pressure of work prevented him from making the required number of attendances.

Major Wolfe-Murray said he had no record of the applications having been received.

The Magistrate adjourned the case for a week to enable inquiries to be made at Headquarters to see if there was any record of Mr. Rose's applications.

Mr. A. C. Howell, of William Powe Ltd., failed to appear to answer a similar charge.

The Magistrate told the Court Sergeant to warn defendant that if he did not appear next Wednesday a warrant would be issued for his arrest.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

Mr. D. S. Hill, of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., having paid his fine, the summons was withdrawn.

Mr. G. P. Lammert, of the American Express Co., who was fined \$25, admitted the Volunteer fine had not been paid.

A number of other summonses were withdrawn, the fines having been paid.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

REFORM PROPOSALS TO BE SHELVED.

London, June 28.

In view of the mixed reception of its proposals in the House of Lords, it is understood that the Government has decided to shelve at present the scheme outlined by the Lord Chancellor on June 20 and merely introduce a measure dealing with the Speaker's power as regards money Bills.—Reuter.

[The Government's proposals included introducing the elective principle for peers and the nomination of a certain number of Labour members.]

CHARGE AGAINST CONSTABLE.

Mr. H. F. Loseby appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning to defend Chinese constable No. C449 who was charged with stealing some fish at Aberdeen. He applied for a formal remand, and the Magistrate fixed the hearing for 2.15 p.m. on July 5. Mr. P. P. J. Wadehouse, D.S.P., who prosecuted, asked for substantial bail and the Magistrate fixed it in the sum of \$500 cash and a security of \$500.

GAMBLERS GAUGHT.

Six Chinese men and seven women were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with playing "sankung" at No. 51, First Street, West Point. The man who was proved to be the keeper of the gambling den was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail, while the assistant keeper was fined \$24 or 14 days. The principal tenant of the house was discharged because there was no evidence to show that she had engaged in the gambling, or, had helped in the running of the game.

SHOULD DOCTOR TELL?

Whether a doctor should tell a patient that he is dying was discussed by Dr. Stella Churchill, medical officer, West Hackney Welfare Clinic, lecturing at the Institute of Hygiene, Portland Place, W. She said:

"It is not always possible or advisable to tell the patient the truth about his condition, but I feel that it is not right to tell the patient lies when you know he cannot recover."

Dr. James Fenton, medical officer of health, Kensington, who presided, said:

"Yes, but be absolutely sure that death is inevitable before you tell the truth. Cases where death is inevitable are very few. Often when we think we are faced with such a case, there is a remarkable recovery."

An immense field of pacific activity has been opened to industrialists, merchants, financiers, and workers of every country by reason of the profound changes caused by the war and the new aspirations and needs to which it has given rise among all peoples.—The French President.

IS THAT SO?

THOUGHTS TERSE, PERVERSE
—AND WORSE.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

I hear that the local "bookie" concern is looking for a new junior partner, the late holder of this sinecure having just gone home into well earned retirement on his share of the firm's Derby winnings.

There has been a slump in Big Bay shares since all this talk about a shipping strike.

From yesterday's report on the Geneva Conference:—"The American delegates said that things were going well. An official communiqué says that very satisfactory progress has been made."

Parents again seem to be coming into what was their own. Both Betty's mother and Helen's father have turned down handsome offers for their offspring to become tennis pros.

Happy is the man who is too darn busy to feel sorry for himself.

There is no holding the modern young man. I see that one is reported actually to have made complaints against a local public utility company!

That inquest is certainly a leung drawn out affair.

Potted drama: At six o'clock she laid out his dress suit, and he didn't come. At twelve o'clock she laid out his pyjamas, and he didn't come. At three o'clock in the morning he came, and she laid him out.

"Chinese Passengers Subjected to Indignities," yells a "Morning Post" heading. A new version of the Thousand and One Cuts?

"When, oh when," sighs a correspondent, "will the bus drivers learn to stop when hailed at proper places?" Just about, I imagine, when the ferry people learn to handle the "rush hour" traffic.

The fellow who won't advertise until he can advertise in a big way usually never advertises.

All this talk about China seeing "red" is overdone. I've just been invited to a Chinese old school boys' ping pong social.

On Tuesday the "Daily Press" corrected a mistake that occurred in their cash sweep returns on Monday. I wonder just how that mistake happened?

"The writer in the 'Sunday Herald' may give at Rowloon boarding houses," remarks a reader, "but they're not so bad as they are painted." Well, then, they must be bad.

I see that another Austin seven has got its driver into trouble.

Can any good come out of Britain? Not in the opinion of a local film critic.

What are Feng's claims to the appendage of "Christian"? asks a writer in a Home paper. Wasn't Judas Iscariot once a Christian?

The only thing about relaying dance music to the Far East is that, owing to discrepancies in longitude, it would arrive barely in time for breakfast, says the London "Telegraph". All the same, there are many of us who feel the need for something with a "kick" in it first thing in the morning.

I can well believe these boasts about family skeletons now Repulse Bay and other beaches are in full swing.

There is no truth in the rumour that a subscription list has been opened for the provision of education in respect of those members of the public who display lamentable ignorance in the matter of the impartial nature of police court procedure.

A local heading: "Hong Kong Banishes Fate, Measles, At Kongmoon." Pretty drastic treatment, what?

A lantern lecture is to be given to-night on "Our Secret Enemies." It is understood that there is no connection between it and the newly instituted Sanitary Board campaign against mosquitoes.

The difference between Peak and pique amounts to anything between a couple of thousand feet and sea level.

"In a warm drowsy atmosphere, with fans humming overhead, and windows wide open, but not breath of air coming through, with only prisoner in the dock, Judge, Counsel and jury evidencing no pronounced interest in the case, a somewhat dull murder trial drew to a close." So soliloquises the "Daily Press" this morning. Very touching, but how far is it from contempt of Court?

CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

TSINANFU ANXIETY.

Japanese Residents Asking For Protection.

Peking, June 28. Japanese residents at Tsinanfu are pressing the Consul-General to bring in Japanese troops but the Japanese Legation states that at present no move is being made in this connection.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN DEFENCE.

United States Force Being Increased.

Shanghai, June 28. Eight amphibian planes from New York were to-day transferred to the United States transport "Henderson" which is going to Tientsin to-morrow morning with two tanks and details bringing up the Americans in Tientsin to five thousand of all ranks.

First Contingent.

Tientsin, June 28. Five hundred U.S. Marines and five aeroplanes arrived aboard the "Chaumont" last night. It is understood that General Butler with a further detachment of one thousand marines is due here shortly.—Reuter.

HOUSE RENT LEVY.

Shanghai Tenants' Union To Protest.

Shanghai, June 28. A meeting of the Shanghai Tenants' Union yesterday protested against the proposed two per cent. levy on house rents by the Municipal Council from July 1.

The meeting decided that they should protest against the levy, refuse to pay the increase, and adopt "several measures" to prevent the authorities attempting to enforce payment.—Reuter.

NEWS BY MAIL.

Chiang Kai-shek and Christian General.

Shanghai, June 27. In Kuomintang circles, there seems to be considerable satisfaction with the Haichowfu Conference. It appears that in spite of the fact that Hankow regarded the Chengchow Conference with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang as a success, Nanking equally regards the Haichowfu Conference as a success from its standpoint. Either Hankow or Nanking is mistaken in the Christian Marshal and until military operations commence again, it is difficult for anyone to suggest which one was wrong.

The fact remains that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has apparently issued a statement to Hankow suggesting that as Comrade Borodin has already resigned, he would do well to return to Russia. A joint statement has been issued, which we are publishing herewith, by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and General Chiang Kai-shek, which gives the impression that they are working together harmoniously. All this has to do with military operations, but little reference is made to the civilian government which is to control such operations. It is not quite clear whether Marshal Feng will rule Honan, Shanai, and Karsai as an independent empire under himself or whether these provinces will be governed by representatives from Nanking.

Yen Shih-shan's Position. It is also not clear as to what has become of Governor Yen Shih-shan. A fortnight ago, he was acting as the agent of General Chiang Kai-shek in effecting a truce or an agreement between Nanking and the Fengtien Party. This movement has apparently collapsed, but Governor Yen is the enemy of Marshal Feng. Will he now join Fengtien?

More serious still is the question of the relationship between Marshal Feng and Soviet Russia. The documents found in the Soviet Embassy show to what an extent the Christian general is indebted to Soviet Russia; yet, now he asks the Russians to clear out. Why? Has he paid his debts? If not, what effect will this effort have on the general political situation?

Again, the question is asked what will Hankow do to maintain itself. None of the Chinese politicians seem to know. They are wondering whether Hankow had suspected that the Christian General was to turn on them and whether they had taken precautions.

The statement of the Kuomintang is as follows:— In addition to the stern message that was sent to the high official of the Hankow Government by General Feng Yu-hsiang as a result of the "Chiang-Feng Conference" at Haichowfu, which was published in the papers yesterday, jointly signed by General Chiang Kai-shek and General Feng Yu-hsiang and said to be drafted by General Huang Fu, the Mayor of Shanghai, was issued as a further testimony to the complete agreement between the two Nationalist commanders.

The Declaration. The telegram reads as follows:—"For 40 years our late leader had devoted his energy to Nationalist revolution, that national sovereignty and international equality be secured for China. This aim was almost realized in 1911, when the Manchu Dynasty

fell and when the Republic of China was established—which, as a matter of fact, must be considered as the initial step leading to ultimate liberation of our 400,000,000 brethren.

"Yet out of the dynastic vestige which was still then evident autocratic militarism feared its head. From the date of Yuan's ascension, in alliance with foreign imperialism, it had wrought such havoc among our people that for more than a decade their existence had been vegetating between fire and water.

"Out of their intense suffering, the people came to realize by whom they have been victimized, and have, on the present occasion, given expression to their righteous indignation in popular uprising.

The Northern Campaign.

"It is in compliance with such earnest demand of the people and in perpetuating the unfulfilled wish of our late leader that the Northern Punitive Expedition was launched. We, Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang, in the company of our martial comrades, have not been unsuccessful in this effort; in the campaign which covered the distance of tens of thousands of miles this erstwhile formidable, militaristic robber-barons in turn met with their just desert.

"But for one day the militaristic partisans of imperialism still exist, for one day, we and our martial comrades should consider that our duties remain undischarged.

"At this most critical juncture, when our armies are gathering on the Honan-Shantung border to administer the last blow in exterminating militarism, therefore, we deem it important to declare again our attitude in all sincerity to our brethren:

"That we, Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang and the tens of thousands of officers and soldiers under our command, are fervent believers in the Three People's Principles.

"That in the company of the other revolutionary armies, we solemnly pledge to fight to the last man for the Three People's Principles.

"That we would not be moved by whatever temptations; would not dodge, however overwhelming be the difficulties, and would not flinch, however costly may be the sacrifice that we are called upon to make. For, we are determined to wipe out the tools of the Imperialists off this fair land of ours.

"For, we are determined to bring the Nationalist Revolution to a successful conclusion.

"Be our armies the armies of the People, be our success the success of the People.

"This, we reverently address to our brethren.

"CHIANG KAI-SHEK,

"FENG YU-HSIANG."

Marshal Feng's Policy.

Upon assumption of his new position under the Nationalist Government, General Feng Yu-hsiang has announced his policy as regards the administration of the province of Honan. Referring to the civil administration, he stated that it will be based upon the Three People's Principles in order that a stable and responsible government may soon appear. All military affairs within the Province will be placed under one central command. All corrupt officials are to be discharged while the finance of the Province will be re-organized to meet the changed conditions.—"North-China Daily News."

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

Capetown, June 28.

The Legislative Assembly has rejected the Senate's amendments to the Flag Bill mentioned yesterday.—Reuter.

[The Senate adopted an amendment proposing, as a substitution for the Government's flag design, another design, consisting of the Union Jack, the old Free State flag, the Transvaal "Vierkleur," and four silver stars on a blue field representing the provinces, divided quarterly by a silver cross.]

HOME POLITICS.

London, June 28.

Brixton was the thirty second by election since the general election, only one seat being uncontested.—Cambridge University. The Conservative won seventeen, Labour eleven and Liberals four. Labour gained five and lost one seat from the Conservatives and Liberals; Liberals won one and lost one from Labour and Conservatives and the Conservatives won one from the Liberals.—Reuter.

REPORT FROM
BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W.L. 27/6	W.L. 28/6
West River at Shuhing	+41'0"	0	+17.0	+16.5
North River at Tansgyue	+28'7"	0	+9.5	falling
North River at Samahui	+27'3"	5	+10.2	rising
East River at Shokiang	+18'2"	3	+4.1	falling

HISSED.

SCENE AT MOTOR AMOK TRIAL.

ACCUSED YOUTH'S TEARS.

Alfred Jones, aged 19, was remanded at the Richmond Police Court on a charge of the manslaughter of Tich Power, and Mrs. Emma Wheeler, who were killed when a stolen car ran amok.

Crowds lined the route from the police station to the Court. Many women waited for hours, despite a heavy downpour of rain. Jones, a boyish figure in a smartly-cut overcoat and light brown suit, was escorted by two constables.

As he passed through the lines of hissing and shouting demonstrators, he was obviously very affected. He hung his head, while tears coursed down his cheeks.

The police formally gave evidence of the arrest of Jones, who was sobbing uncontrollably. He did not reply to the charge, but merely shook his head. A large crowd awaited his exit, and silently watched his departure.

MR. PICKWICK AGAIN

CENTENARY COACH RIDE TO ROCHESTER.

To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the "First Day's Run," described in Chapter II. of the Pickwick Papers, the members of the Pickwick Club undertook the run by stage-coach from London to Rochester in full Pickwickian dress.

The starting-point was the Golden Cross Hotel, in the Strand, from which Mr. Pickwick started. A large crowd, which gathered to see them off in the old Commodore coach, driven by Mr. Bertram Mills, joked with Mr. Snodgrass about his poetical hair and reprimanded Mr. Tupman for his ogling of the pretty girls.

A new team of horses was obtained at Blendon, 12½ miles away, and again at Swanscombe, a further 10 miles. Punctually to the minute the coach drew up at the Town Hall, Rochester, having covered the 81 miles in 4 hours exactly. Hundreds of men from the factory lined the streets, while in front stood a long line of school boys and girls.

As the coach came to a standstill mine host of the Bull appeared with a flagon of old ale for the thirsty travellers, who drank to the health of the Mayor and Dean of Rochester, who, together with the Corporation, appeared in the civic robes to welcome them.

Then the party moved to the dining-room of the Bull Hotel, the identical assembly-room in which the ball took place, unchanged and the old paintings still there. After luncheon a call was made to The Leather Bottle, at Cobham, near Gravesend, another inn connected for ever with Dickens.

DUCK DROWNS GULL.

Visitors at West Loch Tarbert, Argyllshire, saw a fight between a black-back gull, known as a sea hawk, and a wild duck. The latter was swimming down the loch with seven young ones in single file and a big gull was hovering overhead. Five times it swooped down and each time carried off a duckling.

The frenzied mother duck gathered the two remaining ducklings under its wings just as the gull made the sixth swoop. The duck caught the gull by the neck and kept its head submerged until it was suffocated and drowned. The duck swam away, quacking, with the remnant of her brood.

The discount market of London remains the one and only free market for high-class commercial bills in the world.—Sir Eric Hambro.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR JUNE, 1927.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
June 29	5.41	7.11
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MISS F. PRINTY.

WILBUR PLAYER' LEADING LADY.

FIRST APPEARANCE HERE.

Miss Florence Printy, leading lady for the Wilbur players, who are coming soon to the Star Theatre, has one of the most unique records of any actress in America. She could, if called upon, go on the stage and play her part in any one of 58 different plays—a distinction that few people have ever attained. This has come of constant playing with the Wilbur Players, consisting of two solid years in San Francisco and sixty-four weeks of continuous playing in Honolulu.

In addition, she has appeared for ten consecutive years in stock and in vaudeville. She has another record to her credit, and that is four years of continuous playing at the Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco. Some of her favourite roles have been in such productions as "Abraham Lincoln," and "Smilin' Through."

She was also a member of the Wilkes Stock Company in Los Angeles for a season. For two years she was starred with Crane Wilbur, the famous actor and playwright.

She was born in Victor, Colorado, and true to her environ-



ment, she can ride any horse of the western plains. Her early dramatic training was gained at the Liberty Theatre in Oakland, Calif., where she was cast in a number of old-time melodramatic offerings.

Her picture career has not been neglected. Between theatrical engagements she has played in five feature motion pictures. Also the Pantages and Orpheum vaudeville circuits have had her on their programmes.

Loves Animals.

Her hobby is animals—especially dogs and wild things. One of the most difficult roles she has ever attempted was the princess in "The Bird of Paradise," the famous Hawaiian story. She is quite Irish, and she has dark blue-gray eyes and brown hair.

Florence Printy is one of the most versatile artistes on the American stage, and she will no doubt score a big hit with Hong Kong audiences. She regards her Oriental tour as one of the "great adventures" of her life. Owing to illness, Miss Printy did not appear in the cast during this company's engagement in May, at the Star Theatre. She has fully recovered, and will be seen here in various roles.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

Entertainments.

June 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Flag Lieutenant."
June 29—World Theatre; "Partners Again."
June 29—Star Theatre; "Man and Maid."

June 29—Ten Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
June 29—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai 9.15 p.m.

July 2—Second promenade Concert, Lee Gardens, 9.30 p.m.
July 3—Return engagement of the Wilbur Players at Star Theatre, Kowloon.

Sport.
July 2—First Night Swimming Fete of the season at V.R.C., 9 p.m. Meeting.

July 7—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Radio Society, "South China Morning Post" Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 29—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C. picnic to Repulse Bay, starting 8 p.m.
June 30—Police Branch of M.C.L. holds whist drive in aid of League Fund, Helena May Institute.

June 30—Police Recreation Club holds weekly open air whist drive on the Club lawn, 8.30 p.m.
July 2—Theosophical Society's Bathing Picnic Party leaves Queen's Pier for Picnic Bay at 4 p.m.

July 2—Wah Yan Old Boy's Union hold ping pong social, 8 p.m.

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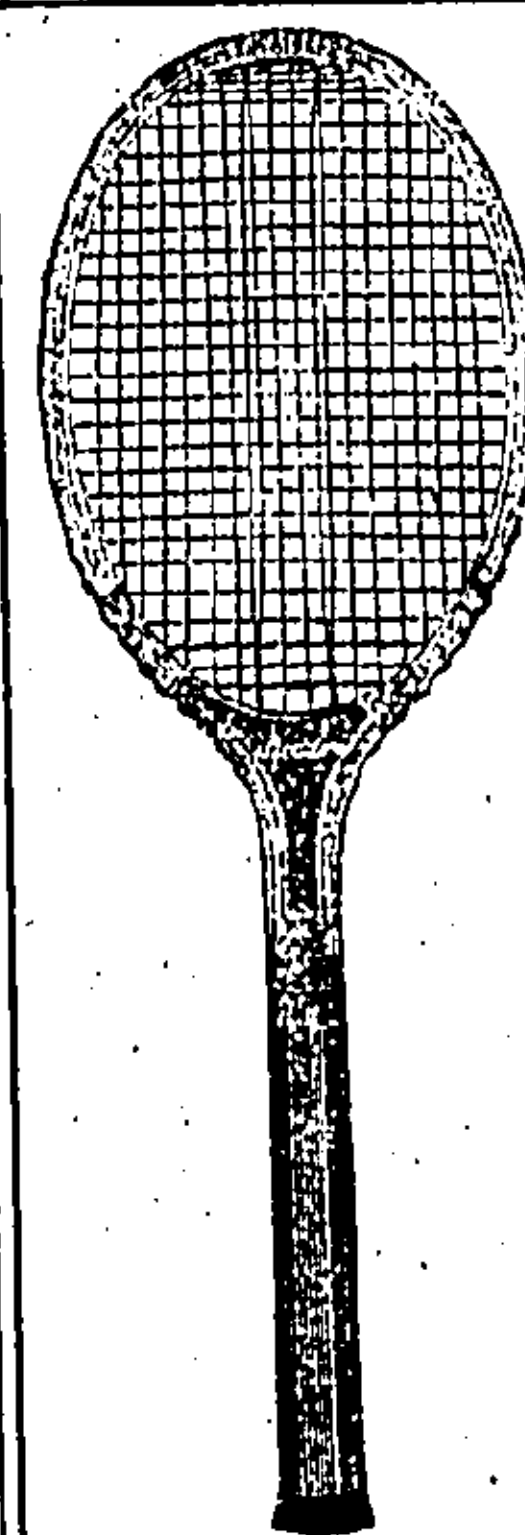
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

An advertisement announces that the exchange banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on July 1.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Able Seaman Henry Francis Bailey, of H.M.S. "Hawkins" who died at the Naval Hospital from the effects of a poisonous foot. The body was interred, with accompanying military honours, in the Catholic Cemetery.

After half an hour's retirement yesterday afternoon, the jury found "not guilty" the man Leung Sang who was charged with the murder of a woman at a match at Kowloon City, on whom about eighty wounds were inflicted with a chopper. The man was accordingly discharged.

There was no business of special public interest at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Those present at the meeting were: Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson (Director of Public Works), Dr. J. C. MacGowan, Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

A remarkable escape from serious injury was that of Mr. J. Chatterton, of the P. & O. Bank, whose Austin 7 car toppled over the embankment at the top of Broadwood Road as its driver was backing it to the parking place. There is a declivity of about seventy feet at this spot and the car, which struck trees and boulders as it careered madly down the slope, was totally wrecked. Fortunately, Mr. Chatterton was thrown clear of the car at the top of the descent, and although he sustained many cuts and bruises none of these was serious.

Three men sitting close together in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery in the House of Commons in mail week passed a number of written messages to each other. One was in a grey suit. He was Sir Wyndham Childs. Another, dark and heavily built, wearing a dark suit, was Sir William Horwood. The third, small and dapper in a morning coat, was Colonel H. S. Turnbull, chief of the City Police engaged in the Soviet House inquiries. They had come to listen to the Home Secretary's further statements on the raid, and while waiting for the speech, which was postponed, heard with evident interest the references to Kate Grusfeldt, the notorious spy who was recently laid by the heels.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd. announce that all departments will be closed on July 1 at 1 p.m. The Hong Kong Dispensary will be open on this date from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Presiding at a meeting of the London Missionary Society at Queen's Hall, the Rev. J. D. Jones said that the Indian Church could not yet be left to carry on without the European missionary, of whom there were so few, because of the lethargy of the people at home. The appalling deficit of £50,808 was evidence enough of that fact.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon of Air Mechanic E. Davis whose death at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, took place on Monday night. The funeral was attended by fellow R.A.F. men and Naval ratings, among the officers present being Capt. Elliot, Wing Commander Huskisson, Lieut. A. Woodruff, Lieut. John L. Abel Smith, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Robertson. The graveside service was conducted by the ship's chaplain, the Rev. F. Freeman. Wreaths were sent from the ship's company of H.M.S. and from various departments of the Fleet Air Arm.

The trustees of the National Gallery of British Art (generally known as the Tate Gallery), Grosvenor Road, Millbank, S.W., have accepted the offer of the "Daily Mail" to present to the gallery Mrs. Dod Procter's picture, "Morning," which was recently purchased by the "Daily Mail" for the nation and is now on exhibition at the Royal Academy, Burlington House. The trustees have undertaken all the details of the loaning of the picture to the large number of galleries the authorities of which have applied for it.

Blaster F. B. Walker in Shanghai announces that he has received the membership books and regalia for the Frothblowers recently enlisted. The membership books, which alone are worth the entrance fee, ever are being revised, and the latest has a page showing Edinburgh Castle and a jovial piper, with the verse:

McEwan spurs the Whusky,
He's blowing froth the noo:
It's lighter on his liver,
And on his bawbees too.
On the subject of the Frothblowers, now that there are several hundred members of the joyful Order in Shanghai, is it not about time someone took steps to form a recognised Vat, so that regular meetings could be held? asks that "North China Daily News."

The Chinese cyclist who claimed against the China Motor Bus Company, Ltd. in respect of a collision near the leather factory, Kowloon City Road, when the bus swerved to avoid a bad patch in the road, was awarded \$30 damages at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon.

Running to the gate to look for a companion with whom she was to visit a menagerie, Nannie McKerron, aged 6, of Elgin, found a police officer there. With the exclamation, "Oh, mummy, here's a policeman!" the girl, who is stated to have been of a nervous temperament, fell back dead into her grandmother's arms.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

HONG KONG LODGE.

The Bathing Picnic arranged for 2nd July next will leave Queen's Pier at 4 p.m. for Picnic Bay. The charge will be 60 cents per head, inclusive.

Members and their friends are cordially invited.

"They speak about 'the gentleman with a duster'; we can now speak of the Home Secretary as the Minister with a duster, who has cleared out a lot of old rubbish," said Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, M.P., at a meeting held at Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., in support of the "Hands off Britain" campaign. Britain, he added, lost more trade through Moscow in one week of the general strike than she would lose in 5 years of the policy now being adopted.

Scott's, the restaurant in Coventry Street, Piccadilly, W., was sold by auction in the rooms of Messrs. Goddard and Smith for £200,000. The buyer, Mr. L. Fredman, is a West End property dealer, and the purchase price covers the freehold of the premises and the goodwill. Stocks, furniture, utensils and fixtures are to be purchased according to valuation. A reporter was told that the restaurant will be carried on in its present style. Scott's was installed on its present site about 100 years ago as a coffee house. Subsequently it became a tripe shop. When the old Wilton public-house standing on the corner was demolished, the premises were extended. The establishment was sold by the executors of the late Mr. Malcolm Stuart Sinclair, who owned the property and who died last March.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A Reuter cable from New York announces the death of Mr. Henry Clay Pierce, the famous financier and oil magnate.

Passengers departing for the North last night by the "President McKinley" included Mr. H. E. Pethick of the Standard Oil Co., the Rev. R. B. Blakeney of Foochow, Mr. and Mrs. H. McClure of the Lingnam University to America, Mr. R. L. Lewis, a rubber planter of India, is en route to Europe.

Mr. Will Fyffe, according to the "New York Herald Tribune," has signed a three-years contract with an American theatrical firm "at a Harry Lauder salary." He had a great run at the Palace Theatre, New York, where "he sold out the house at every performance for three weeks." He is to return to New York "next fall."

The Hon. Violet Gibson, daughter of the first Lord Ashbourne, who made an attempt on the life of Signor Mussolini, has been set free by the Italian Prosecutor's Office on the ground of "irresponsibility due to a total derangement of mind." She left in charge of her sister and three English nurses, and immediately departed for England.

Another link with the old-time seafaring fraternity of the Straits is broken by the death of Capt. G. D. Wilson, who passed away at Hull on May 4. Capt. Wilson sailed in the coasting trade for many years and was a well-known character. He retired some years ago to Hull, his native place, but kept in touch with friends here to whom the news of his death will come as a shock. He leaves a widow.

The death took place at Bandrum, near Dunfermline, of Dr. Burnett Smith, husband of the well-known novelist, Annie S. Swan. Dr. Smith retired several years ago from a lucrative practice in Worcestershire and acquired the mansion-house and estate of Bandrum, where the family had since resided. He took an active interest in the affairs of Salline village, adjoining Bandrum, and he had been for two years a member of Fifeshire Education Authority, representing the first electoral area. He was 70 years of age.

The death has occurred at Durban, Natal, of Mr. George Hall Rennie, a well-known Aberdeen shipowner. Mr. Rennie, who was 75 years of age, was for many years head of the firm of Messrs. John T. Rennie and Son, shipowners, of Aberdeen, London, and Durban.

On the cottage at Cathkin Braes in which James Gilmour, the London Society missionary, was born there has been placed a tablet to his memory. Gilmour of Mongolia, as he is known, was a missionary from 1870 until 1891, when he died in Tientsin. The memorial has been provided largely by the young members of the Congregational churches in Glasgow and district.

Apart from numerous other claims to distinction, the King of Spain, who is now 41, is unique in one respect among living monarchs—he has resigned since the moment of his birth. He was a posthumous child, and at birth dispossessed his five-year-old sister from the throne she had held—nominally at least—for six months. The circumstances of his birth make him Europe's senior ruler in length of reign. His Majesty is also the most be-titled of mortals, his subsidiary dignities totalling over seventy, and including—though King George might dispute the right—King of the West Indies, King of Gibraltar, and King of India!

Debutantes who are to make their curtsies at the first two Courts are very busy choosing their gowns, for they are not so long now and fashionable dress-makers are suffering great pressure (says the "Westminster Gazette"). One confessed to me the other day that she did not really like making Court gowns and trains at all. The gowns invariably looked so much nicer without the trains, which are now of so short a length that they barely touch the ground behind, that her clients did not like the ensemble. Then there is the additional bother of complying with the regulations of length and modest décolletage and yet managing to produce a modern slim, short effect.

Mr. C. W. Campbell, C.M.G., who died in London on May 27, at the age of 65, served for many years in China, and was with Admiral Seymour in the attempt to relieve the Peking Legations, as well as in his extensive travels in Korea and Mongolia. Born on October 21, 1861, he joined the Consular service as a student interpreter in 1884, and was for a time stationed in Korea.

Englishwomen are so often taunted with being worse at dressing and cooking than the Frenchwoman that it is curious they so rarely retaliate by saying they are, at least, better at keeping their babies alive (says the "Evening Standard.") The population statistics for France in 1926 are just out and show that the infantile death-rate is still very high. The Frenchwoman used to claim that she kept her children "in her pocket," and is still sometimes a little scornful of our specialised nursery life, but the more modern of well-to-do French mothers are now very eager to follow English ways with children, and in some cases are allowing their households to be dominated by determined English "nannies."

Since returning to town from Windsor, Queen Mary has found time to slip down to Kew Gardens for a few hours (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) Very few of the people who were there at the time were aware of her presence, so unofficial was her visit. The Gardens are particularly beautiful just now. Though the Japanese cherry is almost over, the crab apple trees are hung with fairy bloom, the rhododendrons are afire with colour, and the famous bluebells are making clouds of beauty on the ground. It was the bluebells, I think, which persuaded the Queen to go down to Kew this week. She always pays at least one visit there while they are out, and usually more than one. This year the bluebells are particularly fine and are so well advanced that Sunday ought to be Bluebell Sunday—even if it isn't. Queen Mary's informal visits to Kew are a special delight to her.

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SPORTS SECTION

SHANGHAI COMING.

Cricket Team Due In November.

HOME RECORD SMASHED.

Tennis Semi-Finals.

[By "Stalwart"]

I hear that Shanghai has accepted the local invitation to send a cricket team here during November, and it is probable that Singapore may have a team in the Colony at the same time. A triangular tournament would prove very interesting. A Shanghai friend, writing about the invitation, says that the news that there is to be an interport with Hong Kong after all, unless something absolutely unforeseen happens to put a spoke in present plans, will be welcomed by all Shanghai cricketers. This year Shanghai should have entertained a team from the Colony, but the time at which the team should have been here happened to coincide with the time certain Chinese were demonstrating the fervour of their nationalism by shooting up everything in sight—and it was really unfair to ask anyone from a decently governed spot such as Hong Kong to venture themselves in Shanghai at the moment. Shanghai without the barriers was all O.K.; but outside—well, really! So the match had to be postponed. At the time there was some talk of the fixture being played off in the Autumn, but plans in Hong Kong were thought to interfere with this.

Now, an invitation has been received from the South to visit Hong Kong, and the fixture will, if possible, be played off. The question naturally arises: How many players from the Shanghai Defence Force will be allowed to represent Shanghai—should they be selected? It is understood that by agreement with the Hong Kong Cricket Club no player who is not actually attached to the garrison of any port is allowed to represent the port in any match between cities. Now the question arises: are members of the Shanghai Defence Force members of the Shanghai garrison in the same sense as members of the Hong Kong garrison are allowed to play for Hong Kong? The general opinion here seems to be that they are not. Doubtless the question will come up for more serious consideration when the question of selections for the interport eleven looms larger than it does just now.

A fairly old standing cricket record has, I see, gone by the board. This was the series of forty-first wicket partnerships realising over a century each held by Hayward and Hobbs, which has now been topped by Sutcliffe and Holmes, the Yorkshire opening pair. The record was expected to go, as up to the end of last season the "Tykes" had compiled 38 such centuries, and they have only been batting together since 1919. The largest number of runs scored by these two in an innings of this character was 347, against Hampshire, at Portsmouth in 1920, but the crowning performance of this great Yorkshire pair was achieved last season at the Oval, in the match where Surrey won three points for a first innings' lead. In the first innings Holmes and Sutcliffe made 105 before being separated. On the closing day the figures were taken to 265, after which, with the men still together, stumps and the match were drawn. Holmes scored 127 and Sutcliffe 131. The partnership lasted two hours and twenty-five minutes.

So, after a strenuous fortnight at Wimbledon, we have come to the semi-finals. The fact that Tilden and the "Three Musketeers" of France—Lacoste, Borotra, and Cochet—are left to fight for the men's singles championship will surprise nobody. The presence of at least three of the four was a foregone conclusion. My impression is that big Bill Tilden will just walk through the French opposition. He had done it before, and recently, and means to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of a Frenchman.

The defeat of Mrs. Godfree will come as a surprise to the many who thought she was going to carry off the women's singles for another year. Miss Ryan, of America, was, however, too good for her, and played her to a standstill. Or so the cable reports would have us believe. Miss Joan Fry's victory over

HOME CRICKET.

RAIN SPOILS MANY GAMES.

SUTCLIFFE-HOLMES RECORD.

London, June 28. Rain throughout the country spoiled most of the matches which commenced on Saturday last.

The M.C.C. drew with Cambridge University at Lords. The home team scored 295 (Hendren 67, Kidd 52) and 21 for none.

Cambridge replied with 228 (Longfield 71). No Result at Oval. There was no result in the Surrey-Somerset match at the Oval.

Somerset made 148 and Surrey 133 for six. Trial Match Drawn. The North v. South Test trial match, which was played at Sheffield and not Leeds, was drawn.

The South scored 235 (Jardine 57, Chapman 70), Jupp taking six wickets for 90. The North made 269 for no wickets. Sutcliffe got 131 and Holmes 127, this making their 41st three-figure partnerships, thus beating the Haywood-Hobbs record, which was 40 partnerships.

Rain Wins. There was no result in the Lancashire and Derby match at Manchester. Derby had scored 28 without loss when play had to be abandoned.

Mead's Century. Hampshire gained a first innings' victory over Northants at Southampton, scoring 347 (Boyes 50 not out, Mead 141, Newman 70).

Northants replied with 131; Kennedy taking four wickets for 40 and Newman six for 48. Following on, the visitors made 338 for nine (Timms 59, Adams 154 not out).

Match Drawn. The Leicestershire-Warwickshire match at Leicester was drawn.

Warwick scored 193, Skelding taking five wickets for 91, and Leicesters made 60 for two wickets.

Whysall Shines. Notts gained a first innings' lead over Gloucestershire at Nottingham.

Gloucesters scored 149 (Smith 55 not out), Voce taking five wickets for 36; and 11 runs for one wicket.

Notts replied with 264 for six and declared (Whysall 117 not out, Walker 52), Parker taking six wickets for 101.

Yorks Beaten. Kent beat Yorkshire at Torbridge on the first innings' play.

Kent scored 243 (Valentine 60), Jacques taking four for 39; and 10 for one.

Yorkshire made 131, Wright taking five wickets for 45 and Woolley four for 35.

Century for Holmes. Oxford University beat Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI at Eastbourne by seven wickets.

Leveson-Gower's men made 206, Holmes taking six for 55 and 205 (Bettington 81, Clay 53).

Oxford made 154 (Newman 72 not out) and 258 for three (Holmes 136 not out).

N. Zealanders Draw. The New Zealanders, at Broughty Ferry, Dundee, drew with the Scottish Counties.

The visitors scored 304 (Dempster 154), Anderson taking five for 52; and 103 for eight wickets, when they declared, Hallen taking four for 31.

The Scottish Counties made 287 (Haigh 115, Wood 50), Merritt taking seven for 74; and 72 for 4.—Reuter.

Miss Nuthall must have been a bit of a surprise to the "fans" after Betty's performance against Mrs. Mallory. But Betty has a long way to go yet and plenty of time to do it in. So has Joan, who also is still in her teens. Miss Fry now meets Miss Helen Wills (whose picture you will see on this page in the semi-finals).

Is the standard of bowling better than it was before the war, or is it worse? That is a question that, at this time of year, is constantly arising. My opinion is that the bowling of to-day is certainly not as good as it was before the war, and my reasons are: (1) The present-day young boy, in the majority of cases, wishes to be a bat, and he will not take the trouble to bowl; added to which, masters in our schools do not encourage bowling like they used to in my day. (2) There is too much swing bowling now, and not enough spin bowling.

BETTY DEFEATED.

LOSES TO MISS JOAN FRY AT WIMBLEDON.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS.

The centre court was packed when the Ryan-Godfree match commenced. There was a tense struggle in the first set. Mrs. Godfree displayed an impregnable backhand against a fierce bombardment and flicked Miss Ryan's drives back at an acute angle. She discounted the pace of Miss Ryan's service by clever positioning, but in the second set Ryan's persistent attack found holes in Miss Godfree's defence. The latter outdrew her opponent but netted easy returns. Miss Ryan improved in versatility, scoring every time she lobbed.

Mrs. Godfree opened with a love game in the third set and Miss Ryan took the second, the final point being a netcord shot. Miss Ryan led 2-1, 3-2, 4-3 in the eighth and went to deuce twice before Mrs. Godfree netted a simple smash in attempting too much. In the ninth Miss Ryan was twice within a point of the match, but Mrs. Godfree eventually won. She however, obviously was a beaten player and Miss Ryan had no difficulty in taking the set.

Miss Ryan's was a victory of a stubborn temperament over a more sensitive one. The American plodded through the match content to lose points to Mrs. Godfree's brilliancy and won by sheer doggedness, in spite of her chop-stroke, which was a complete failure.

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Berkeley, California, June 23.

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LOCAL TENNIS.

Kowloon C.C. Teams.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.:—

"B" team v. University on K.C.C. ground.—C. H. Atkins and D. J. Purves, W. Woodward and J. M. Jack, P. M. Pinguet and G. S. Ford.

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T.T. on Shanghai	77 3/4
Banks	
Hongkong Bank	\$1065
do. Lon. Reg.	\$110
Chartered Bank	\$20
Merchants A. & B.	\$20 1/2
do. C.	\$21 3/4
P. & O. Bank	\$20
East Asia	\$68
Marine Insurance	
Canton Insurance	\$620
China Underwriters	\$80 cts.
North China Insurance	\$143
Union Insurance	\$230
Yangtze Insurance	\$40 M.
Fire Insurance	
China Fire Insurance	\$210
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$600
Shipping	
Douglases	\$31 1/2
H.K. Steamboats	\$22 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$110
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$30
do. (Def.)	\$80
Shell Transport	\$87 1/2
Star Ferries	\$55 1/2
Water-works	\$16 1/2
Refineries	
China Sugars	\$18
Malayan Sugars	\$32
Mining	
Benguet	\$170
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$40
Langkat (Combined)	\$20 1/2
do. (Single)	\$10 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	\$7 1/2
Shanghai Loans	\$7
Raubs	\$19 1/2
Trench Mines	\$8
Ural Caspian	\$8
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$108
H.K. & W. Docks	\$88
Hongkows	\$145
New Engineering	\$6 1/2
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Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$6.90
Hongkong Land	\$55 1/2
Hongkong Realty	\$6
H.K. Territorials	\$1 1/2
Humphreys Estates	\$12 1/2
Prince's Building	\$89
Rural Lands	\$1 1/2
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	\$7.35
Oriental	\$2.10
S'hai Cottons (Old)	\$12
do. (new)	\$12
Buses, Trams, &c.	
China Buses	\$7
H.K. Tramways	\$20.55
Park Trams (old)	\$15
do. (new)	\$8
Singapore Tractions	\$10 1/2
Taxis	\$1
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Amusements	\$21
Canton Ice	\$5
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Der A. Wings	\$6
H.K. Electric	\$52 1/2
Macao Electric	\$35
H.K. Tapes (old)	\$10
do. (new)	\$5
Lane, Crawford	\$7
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As the spring season advances the combination of black and white is more and more noted. It is of course extremely effective in the coats of kasha and satin, crepe and chiffon which are so smartly combined with ermine or white fox. It is equally chic and extremely sporty in the tailored suits of twills and dull finished woollens that add a white scarf for contrast. But in the frocks that are worn beneath the topcoat, the black and white combination persists with still more attention to detail.

In satin crepe that bestows smart effects in the use of its two sides, white is seen as an effective trimming. Sometimes it is only a flower of startling whiteness that forms a trimming; at other times a collar, reverse effect or vestee in white introduces the contrast; sometimes the fabric itself is figured and white designs appear gaily blocked upon a black background, or vice versa.

The vogue of lace having stretched its popularity into the summer mode, the formal gown of black and white, too, takes on an air of importance. Black lace with ribbon, flower, pearl or crystal trimming to relieve a sober effect now is seen.

Ann Rork, seen in the First National picture, "The Prince of Head Waiters," wears several charming frocks which stress black and white combinations. Miss Rork is pictured in a smart two-piece dress of black flat crepe with white collar, cuffs and vestee. The skirt is of tiny accordion pleats and the long blouse is trimmed with four silk tassels which lend an unusual effect.

AN IDEAL GIRLS' CLUB.

In Lancaster Gate, overlooking Hyde Park, is a girls' residential club, says a London correspondent of the "Scotsman." At any rate, it is called a girls' club, but it is actually a dream come true. Some years ago a Scottish girl in London discovered for herself how difficult it was to live comfortably when away from home, with no friends, and a living to earn. She pictured then, in her imagination, a big house—a happy house, the companionship of other girls, freedom and pleasant surroundings. In after years she helped to realise this dream, and the St. Andrew's Club is the result. It is a beautiful old house, adapted to meet the needs of fifty odd girls between the

As the days lengthen and the sun's rays grow stronger, the ensemble that exerts the greatest appeal is fashioned of silk. It matters but little what colours have been chosen, but, as the mode demands a coat, it is essential that the coat be not a burden but an interesting and not uncomfortable addition to the ensemble.

Ensembles for afternoon wear have been developed in a variety of light weight materials, variously combined. Figured silks, usually of small patterns, fashion dresses and coats. Many long coats to complete the ensemble are of solid colour crepe de chine, satin, back crepes, flat crepes, faille wool crepe or georgette crepe. One colour georgette crepe ensembles are often seen with long or short coats or three quarter length capes.

Trimnings are apt to show a marked originality, even though they be used sparingly. Belts, buckles, buttons, fringe, embroidery, pleating, tucks, stitching, and every type of bow are used to create striking effects.

Ensembles consisting of a dress of printing silk with a coat in plain

ages of twenty and thirty—business and professional girls, all of whom believe that nowhere in London exists a Club anything like theirs. There is, in London, plenty of accommodation for women in expensive clubs, and at the other end of the scale is the hostel. St. Andrew's stands midway, and fills a need which yearly grows greater. Recently the House Committee decided on an important development. New premises have been acquired and are to be turned into a club for young men and members of both houses will entertain one another at social gatherings under the kindly guidance of the secretary, who will act on these occasions both as hostess and chaperone. The scheme is in the nature of an experiment, and it will be interesting to see how this co-operation of a woman's club with a man's club works in actual practice. Combined amusements and excursions are to be arranged, and the two clubs will, as far as possible, run on similar lines.

colour appear very new in summer models. Variations are numerous. Occasionally the coat being of print and the dress of a solid colour silk. But dress and coat may both be of a solid colour with pipings or trimmings of a printed fabric.

The ensemble mode has persisted throughout a springtime of popularity well into the summer mode. Many interesting ensembles have coats of three-quarters lengths and hang loosely. Those for sports are chosen in half or full lengths, often belted or with yokes. Coats of all lengths are seen for the afternoon formal or semi-formal coat.

Among the favoured combinations for early summer appear black and white models in all sorts of striking arrangements. Black dresses of silks, satins or georgettes are seen with satin or silk coats of black trimmed with white fur or fabrics. Black and white printed silk dresses also combine themselves strikingly with coats of black trimmed with white.

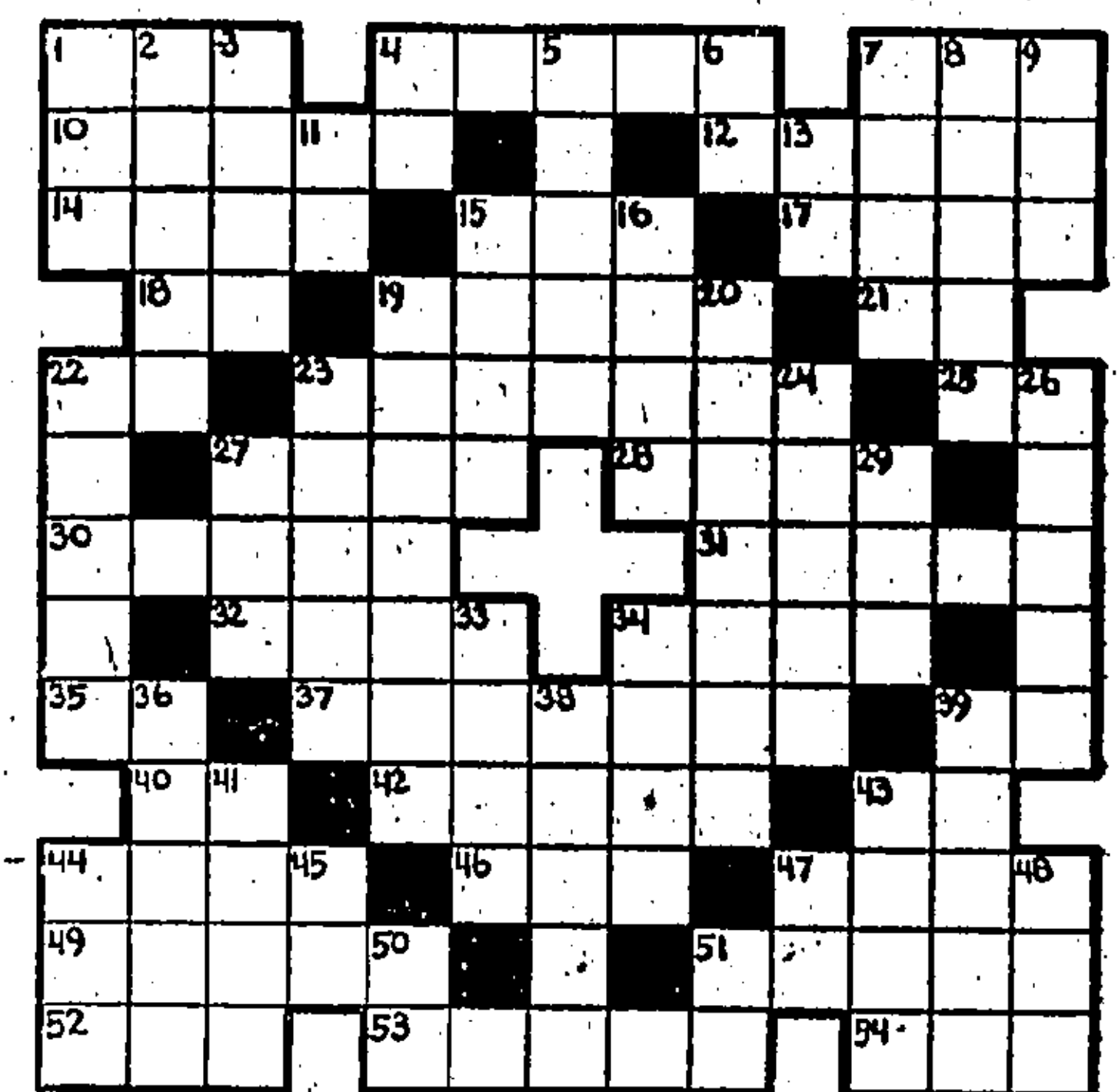
Ann Rork, seen in First National's picture, "The Prince of Head Waiters," wears a smart ensemble of black and white. It consists of a black satin coat that features a cape effect and collar of snowy ermine. A white flower, too, decorates the shoulder. Underneath is worn a trim gown of black also smartly combined with white. A small black hat, shoes, hose and exquisitely beaded purse with white background complete the details of a smart ensemble.

There is no doubt that there are tidal periods of friend-making in every life. Eighteen is, I think, the age of spate at which the first great spring-tide of friendship comes rolling in for men and women alike. If a girl were to be taken among men as to what they considered to be the most valuable thing they had carried away with them from Oxford or Cambridge, I think that 90 per cent. would say the friendships they had made there. Their classics and philosophy they have most likely lightly shed, forgotten, and never missed; their friends they have kept throughout life.

Of women I think the same is true. I cannot speak of their University life, of which I have no experience even at second-hand, but only of the conventional emergence from the schoolroom into the world at large which happened to me (and many contemporaries) quite suddenly from one day to the next. I went to bed one night

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Prof. Bad
- 4-Established
- 7-Pref. Before
- 8-Only
- 12-Offensiveness
- 14-Known facts
- 15-Turf
- 17-Inferior
- 18-Toward
- 19-Wooden prop used in coal mining
- 21-Pref. Back
- 22-Personal pronoun
- 23-To disperse
- 25-Thus
- 27-To scrutinize
- 28-Elder son of Isaac (Bible)
- 30-Congregate
- 31-Tillage
- 32-Washes up, as waves
- 34-The moon
- 35-Pref. With
- 37-Quick-tempered
- 39-Conjunction
- 40-Place (abbr.)
- 42-To waken abruptly

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Argent (abbr.)
- 44-To move
- 45-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 47-A top
- 49-Female deer (pl.)
- 51-More dreadful
- 52-Combining form. Outside
- 53-A plant-house
- 54-Exit

VERTICAL

- 1-Distracted
- 2-Winged (Botany)
- 3-Brown pot used in India
- 4-To exist
- 5-To amuse oneself
- 6-To effect
- 7-A projecting wharf
- 8-Tricks
- 9-Printer's measure (pl.)
- 11-Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 13-Decollet (abbr.)
- 15-To stretch from side to side

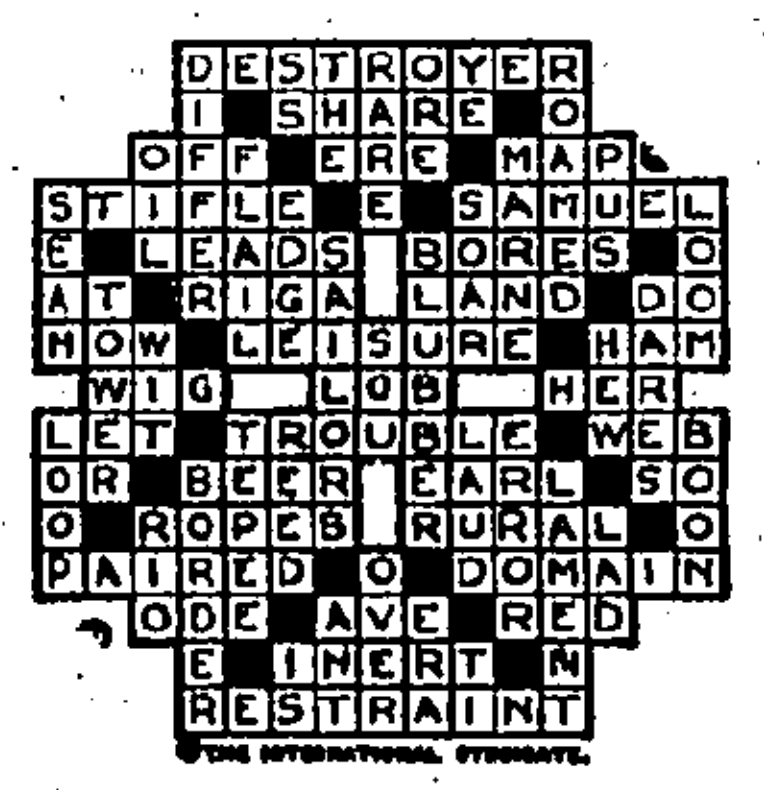
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-A tropical fruit
- 19-To hasten away
- 20-To gesticulate
- 22-Melody
- 23-Retuse metal
- 24-Characterized by rain
- 26-Not the same
- 27-Salt (Latin)
- 28-A diminutive suffix
- 33-A definite suffix
- 34-For fear that
- 36-Pertaining to vision
- 38-To strike with the fist
- 39-A group of families (Zool.)
- 41-Soft down of a scapular linen
- 43-A gentle breeze
- 44-Personal pronoun
- 45-Road (abbr.)
- 47-Pref. Two
- 48-Before
- 50-One of the continents (abbr.)
- 51-Days' slight (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

with my hair down and my skirts hanging just below the knee (where they are to-day), I got up next morning and had my hair put up and my skirts dropped to the ground (where in those days they used to rest, even on the most informal occasion), and in this strange disguise was flung, shivering and blinking a little, into the maelstrom of a London season. I didn't think or shiver long. Friendships shot up like Jack's beanstalk from nowhere, as it seemed, and charged with point and meaning what might have been an empty round.—Violet Bonham Carter in "Good Housekeeping."

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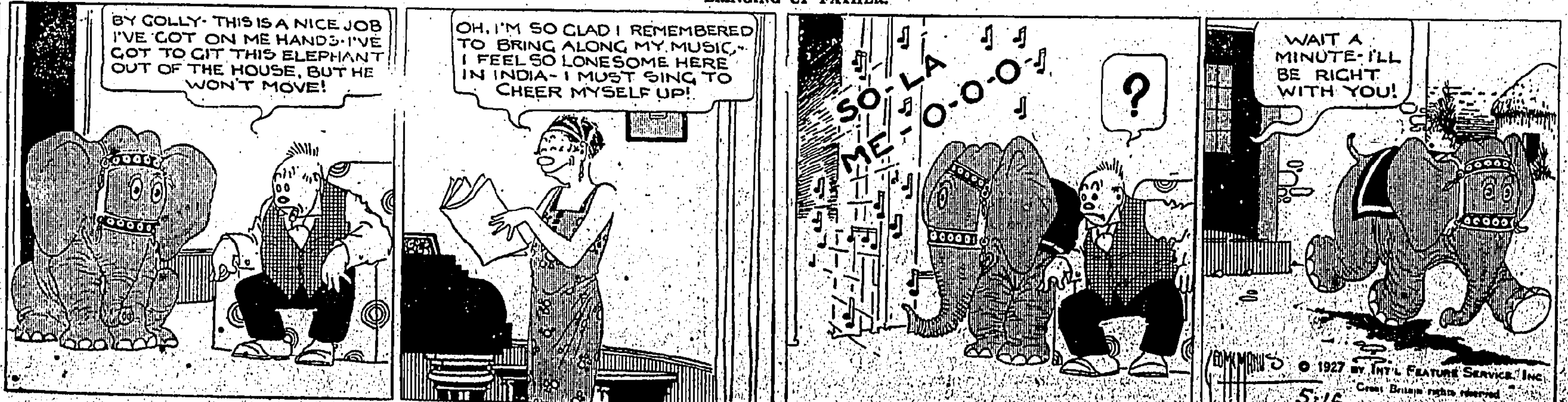
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

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Fields Association has been formed.

Mr. A. P. MacAllister has been
appointed chief electrical engineer
for Islington at £1,050 a year, rising
to £1,250.

Valuable furs which belonged to
the Russian Imperial Family are
shortly to be sold publicly, says a
Petrograd message.

The Soviet is about to establish
a revolution museum at Ekaterin-
burg, where the Czar and his
family were assassinated.

An anonymous friend has given
£10,000 to the Victoria Children's
Hospital, Hull, for further exten-
sion and development.

The South Suburban Gas Com-
pany will reduce the price of gas
by 1d. a therm—from 11d. to 10d.
—after the next meter reading.

On April 1, 296,887 persons were
engaged in Government offices—629
more than on the same date last
year, but 1,423 fewer than on
January 1.

Mr. Keith Drysdale, of Buenos
Aires, a member of one of the oldest
British firms in the Argentine Re-
public, has died from injuries re-
ceived in a railway accident.

At the chief constable's request,
a Birkenhead magistrate, who had
sentenced a boy aged 16 to a
month's imprisonment for theft
altered his decision to a 10s. fine.

Probate has been granted at
Winnipeg, Manitoba, of the will of
the late Lady Strathcona (who left
£6,600,000), the Manitoba portion
of the estate amounting to
£1,720,000.

A conference in London between
the employers and the shipyard
unions' representatives regarding a
claim for 10s. a week increase in
wages for shipyard workers was
adjourned.

John Parkinson, instructor to the
Newcastle Light Aeroplane Club,
was at Newcastle fined £12
10s. for being drunk in charge of a
motor-car, dangerous driving, and
failing to produce a licence.

Members of the Government
party in the Hungarian Parliament
formed a ring round the Premier,
Count Bethlen, when Socialists
tried to attack him after he had
said that they were not Hungarians.

A violin made by Antonius
Stradivarius (Cremona 1699) was
bought for \$1,600 by M. Kahn,
Paris, at Messrs. Puttick and
Simpson's, Leicester Square, W.C.

A boy who was summoned for
playing football in the streets and
wrote to Hull magistrates that he
could not attend, the court as he
was completing his sixth year of
perfect attendance at school was
bound over.

The Public Control Committee of
the L.C.C. revoked the licence of
Mr. Wilson Rae (trading as the
Charing Cross Employment Agency)
to carry on a business for the em-
ployment of hotel and restaurant
staff at Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Sir William Arrol and Co., Ltd.,
Glasgow, have secured the con-
tract, states Modern Transport,
for the construction of a power
station and boiler-house for the
New Deptford West power station
of the London Power Company.

During 1926 the Home Secre-
tary granted naturalisation certi-
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males (including 456 Russians)
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ernments of British Possessions
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Five more cases of small-pox
among schoolchildren have been re-
ported at Wigan, making a total of
twelve.

Charges of heresy against the
Rev. Richard Seaver, a Belfast
Episcopal minister, were investi-
gated in private by a commission
nominated by the Primate.

Knocked down by a motor-lorry
while he was on duty at Cannon-
street Station, E.C., a City police-
man was removed to hospital, but
his injuries are not believed to be
serious.

The Ministry of Labour states
that the number of registered un-
employed on May 16 was 1,007,000,
which was 8,709 more than a week
before, but 608,744 fewer than a
year ago.

The driver and six youths in a
motor-lorry which was struck by
a coal truck being shunted at a
Grimsby fish docks crossing escaped
injury, but the body of the lorry
was stripped from the chassis.

Mr. John St. Loos Strachey,
formerly editor of the "Spectator,"
who recently returned from a voy-
age to Africa, is seriously ill at the
Chelsea house of his daughter Mrs.
Williams-Ellis, the wife of an archi-
tect.

The eleventh anniversary of
Italy's entry into the war was com-
memorated in all the towns and vil-
lages of the country by
parades of war veterans bearing
wreaths, which they placed on the
memorials.

After a fall while looking through
a porthole, Sir George Croydon
Marks, who returned to England in
the Cunard liner "Berengaria," had
to be medically attended and was
too unwell in London to receive
callers.

The Britannia, the King's cutter,
which is now fitting out at Cowes,
will not have nearly so many
racing engagements this season as
in 1926, as she will not compete on
the Clyde or East Coast. Her first
race is at Falmouth about the mid-
dle of July.

The "London Gazette" states that
a petition has been presented by
Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute
for Nurses asking for the grant of
a supplemental charter changing
the name of the Institute to
"Queen's Institute of District
Nursing."

Styles, Sunningdale, Berkshire,
the residence from which Mrs.
Agatha Christie, the novelist, van-
ished last December—she was
found several days later at Harro-
gate—is to be sold by auction on
the instructions of Col. and Mrs.
Christie.

A rumour of the possibility of
the Cunard Line being absorbed
by the P. and O. Company was
denied by Sir Thomas Royden,
chairman of the Cunard Steamship
Company, on arrival at Southamp-
ton in the liner "Berengaria" from
New York.

The Marquis Patrice de Mac-
Mahon, Duke of Magenta, son of
the former President of the French
Republic, who has died in Paris at
the age of 72, was by his marriage
to Princess Marguerite of Orleans
a brother-in-law of the Duke of
Guise, the Orléanist Pretender to
the throne of France.

An exhibition of drawings,
engravings, and colour-prints by
William Blake, the British artist,
will be open in the Gallery
of Prints and Drawings, British
Museum, in connection with the
approaching centenary of Blake's
death (on August 12, 1827).

The King on May 12, at the Jockey
Club Rooms, Newmarket, presented
Superintendent Winter with a pair
of gold cuff links bearing the
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cavations for a new building are
being carried on, in the form of
the sole of a woman's leather
shoe, in which the mark of a corn
at the base of the little toe can
clearly be seen.

The sole is as delicately shaped
as any that ever graced the foot
of Miss 1927. It is well worn,
and rather thin.

On the same spot were found
pieces of a leather jerkin. They
have been preserved by the mud
of the Wellbrook, and the needle
holes and the signs of an ornate
pattern still remain.

A few remains of Roman glass
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and patterns have also been
found. The glass is transparent
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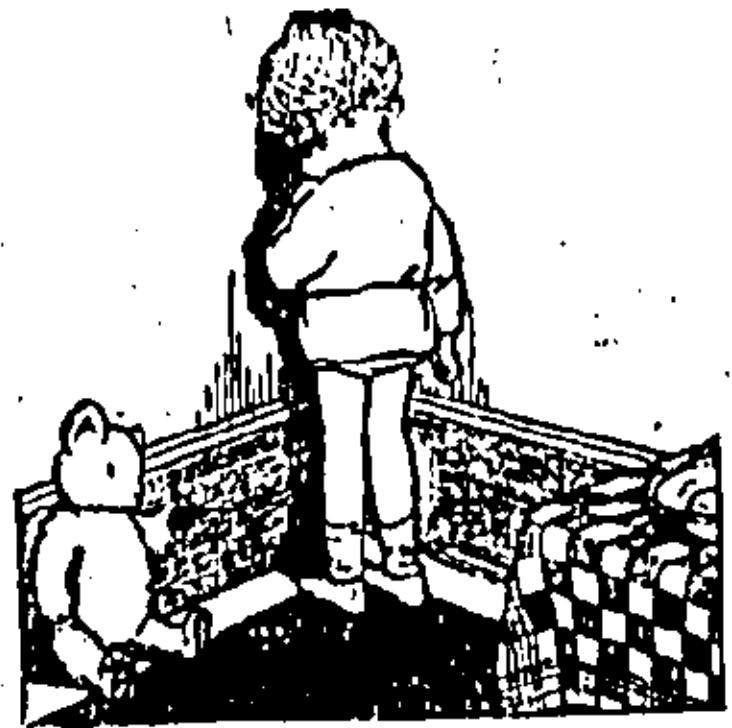
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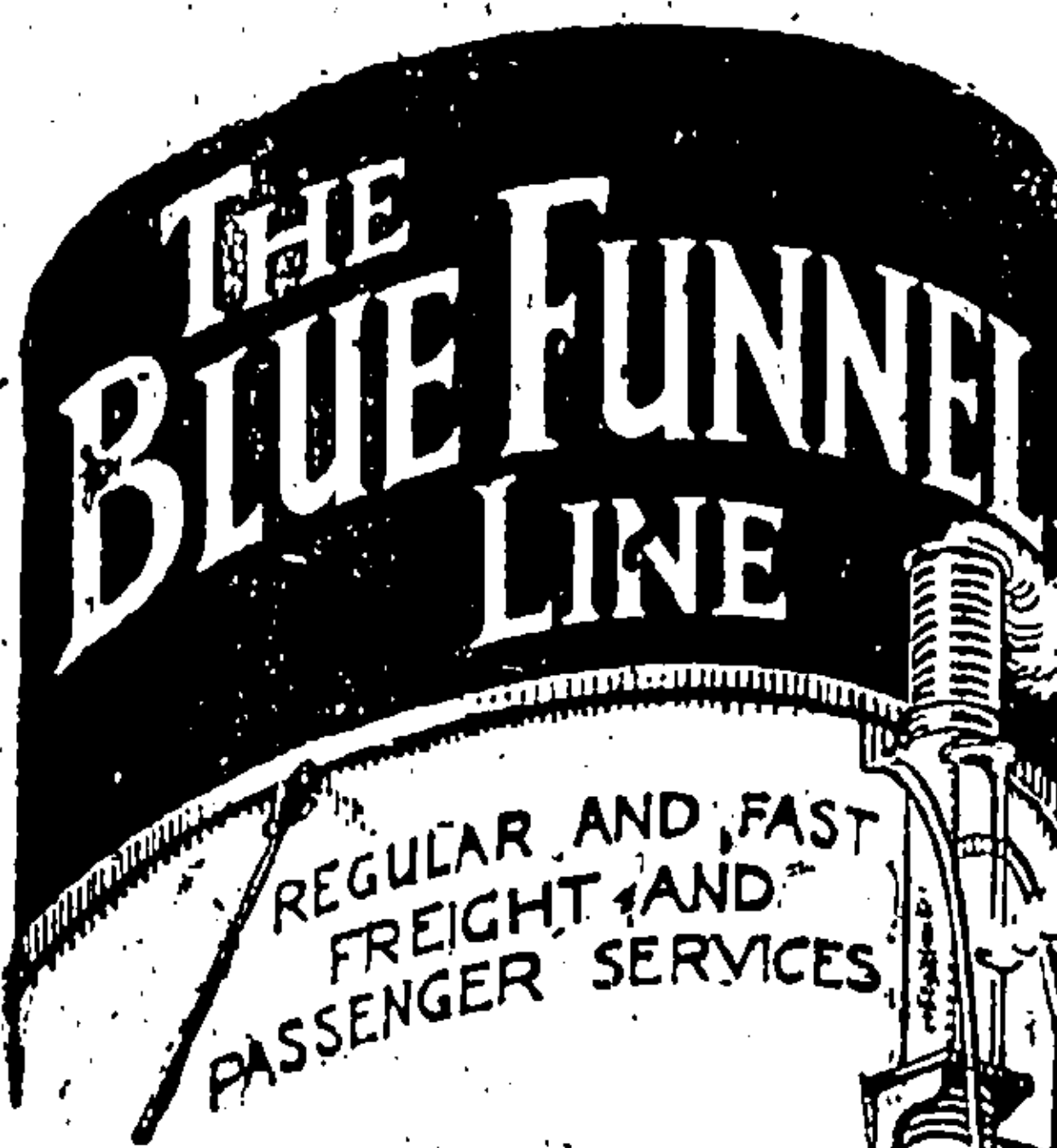
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From	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29	Per
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Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	FRIDAY, JULY 1	Fushimi Maru.
Manila	SUNDAY, JULY 3	Pres. Jefferson.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, JULY 4	Pres. Van Buren.
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Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, JULY 8	Porthos.
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, JULY 8	Khiva.

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For	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29	Per
Sam Shui & Wuchow	THURSDAY, JUNE 30	Kwong Hung
Bangkok	THURSDAY, JUNE 30	Dampito
Haiphong	THURSDAY, JUNE 30	Chip Shing
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A RECORD YEAR.

Hong Kong Amusements Profits.

CREATION OF RESERVE FUND.

A profitable year's working was reported by Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. at the sixth ordinary meeting this morning when, in addition to the payment of a 20 per cent. dividend, it was indicated that \$40,000 had been put into the creation of a General Reserve.

Mr. J. M. Noronha presided (in the absence of Mr. T. H. Backhouse, Chairman), supported by Mr. R. E. Ost, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. J. Harrop (representing Mr. Backhouse), Mr. C. S. Rosset (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. R. K. Butler, Lee Yu-chung and J. T. Choy.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, owing to the absence of your chairman, Mr. Backhouse who had to leave for Home in April last under medical advice, I am privileged to address you to-day. I feel sure that I am voicing your sentiments when I say that we hope he will soon return much improved in health and continue to give his valuable advice and attention to the affairs of your Company as he has done so untiringly and laboriously for the last two years.

The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report having been in your hands for a clear week, I propose to follow the usual custom and take them as read.

A Record Year.

In doing so I will be very brief, for when things have run smoothly, explanations are not needed. In his speech last year, your chairman expressed the hope that the immediate future would yield better results. That his optimism was justified is fully proved by the report in your hands. As you will notice, the result of last year's working has been a record one since the formation of this Company. For the second time in the six years of its existence, we are able to propose a dividend of 20%, but in addition to this your directors are proposing to you also the creation of a general reserve to guard against any eventualities which might occur in these critical times and to transfer thereto the sum of \$40,000 out of the profits for the year under review.

We cannot urge upon you too strongly the wisdom of this course. In a business like ours, prudence or caution should always be our policy especially when we are favoured with a successful year. I assure you that it was only after mature consideration that your directors decided to adopt this course, and we trust that you will approve of this when you see that it is to the best interests of your Company. The more our business extends, the greater will be the call on its financial resources and it is doubtless good for your Company to be in an independent position when the necessity arises.

Bonus For Staff.

Even after making provision for this we will still be in a position to carry forward the sum of over \$32,000 which is over \$5,000 in excess of the figure brought forward from the previous year.

As in past years, we have budgeted for a bonus to be paid to the employees of your Company, as mentioned in the report. You will, I am sure, approve this practical recognition of faithful and arduous services.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after this has been duly seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Seconded's Congratulations.
Mr. Ost, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated the General Managers and staff on the hard and productive work they had put in during the year. He was particularly pleased to see that a bonus had been paid to the staff as they more than deserved it. He was also pleased to see that a General Reserve had been created as in these unsettled times, one never knew when a big call might be made on one's resources. It was in the best interests of the Company that they should have a good Reserve fund behind it.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.
On the proposition of Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Butler, Messrs. J. H. Backhouse and Lo Shun-wan, retiring directors, were re-elected.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 on the proposition of Mr. J. Choy seconded by Mr. Lee Yu-chung.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Alteration of Rule.
An Extraordinary General Meeting followed the ordinary yearly

meeting, Mr. Noronha presiding and addressing the meeting as follows:

The purpose of this Extraordinary General Meeting is for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That Article 145 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered to read in conformity with Section 37 of the Companies Ordinances of 1911, namely:—

"Questions arising at any Meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a Majority of votes, in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote."

Perhaps not all of you are aware that the present Article debars the Chairman of your Company from a vote except when there would otherwise be a tie. Before Mr. Backhouse departed on leave he expressed the hope that the Board consider this question. The Chairman of any Company is the primary responsible Director and it is felt that it is an injustice to him if he is not to have a vote. Apart from the fact that the Companies Ordinances specifically states that the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote which is usual in nearly all Companies, and in order to comply with the Companies Ordinances, we are placing before you the above Resolution for alteration of the existing article to enable the better conduct of meetings of the Directors.

I will now formally propose that the above-mentioned Resolution be passed and after this has been duly seconded, I shall be glad to receive any questions or suggestions which you may wish to put.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Harrop and carried unanimously.

AWOKE IN TIME.

THIEF CAUGHT AS HE WAS LEAVING.

Before Major Willson this morning a Chinese was charged with unlawfully returning from banishment before the period for which he had been sent away had expired, and also with theft at the Chu Wa Yoko on the first floor of Powell's Building last night. The man admitted both charges.

With regard to the theft, it appeared that on account of the heat one of the foks of the firm decided to sleep on the landing outside, and left a window open to let in some air. The accused gained admission to the floor by this window, and while the foki slept, he relieved him of his blanket, and then searching a coat hanging on a nail on the wall, helped himself to a fountain pen, a penknife and eight cents. The foki awoke as the accused was making his get away and secured him.

For returning from banishment the accused was sentenced to eight months' hard labour, and for the larceny he was given an additional month's imprisonment.

A TOOTHACHE DANGER.

Stuffing some opium in her mouth to relieve a toothache, a Chinese woman accidentally swallowed some of the drug, and soon afterwards became very ill. She was immediately taken to the Government Civil Hospital where prompt action saved her life. Her condition is not now considered serious.

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TWO DESTRUCTIVE COOLIES FINED.

Two coolies were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with injuries and destroying two birds' nests containing four young birds.

According to the police, the accused were odd job coolies at Stonecutters. They were arrested at the Dockyard gate yesterday afternoon when they returned by launch from Stonecutters. One nest contained a dead bird, while three birds in the other nest were still alive.

Asked why they took the nests, the accused said they wanted to rear the birds. "If we feed them they will grow."

Remarking that the accused had no right to touch birds' nests, the Magistrate fined them \$5 each, or, in default, seven days' jail.

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